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## FESTIVALS & SPECIAL EVENTS

**Through Dec 2: Carolina Shows Inc. presents the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Made In The South.** Christmas Made in the South is focused on keeping the world of fine artisans and craftspeople vibrant. Exhibitors will be there all three days demonstrating and selling their handcrafted works. Amazing craftspeople, outstanding art, unique gourmet food, and diverse entertainment to whet and satisfy every demanding appetite. Handmade, one-of-a-kind designs populate the booths that fill the festival: silk wearable's to fabric bags, dichroic glass jewelry to close-up photography of nature's funniest and fiercest creatures all await and more! The Exchange Park, 9850 Highway 78, Ladson. Nov 30-Dec. 2 from 10a.m.-6p.m., Dec 3 from 11a.m.-5p.m. Admission: \$6/Adults; Free/Children 12 & under. For more info, visit [www.madeinthesouthshows.com](http://www.madeinthesouthshows.com).

**Through Dec. 6: St. Andrew's Parks and Playground presents *Letters from Santa*.** We have a direct line of communication with Santa at the North Pole. If you have a little one that would like to get a personal letter from Santa, visit our front desk staff at either our administrative office at 1095 Playground Rd. or at St. Andrew's Family Fitness Plus at 1463 Sam Rittenberg Blvd., West Ashley. Must be registered by Dec. 6 to allow plenty of time for delivery. Cost: \$5/Per letter. For more info, call (843) 225-9612 ext. 1 and visit [www.standrewsparks.com](http://www.standrewsparks.com).

**Through Dec 7: Middleton Place presents *Christmas 1860 by Candlelight at the Edmondston-Alston House*.** Reliving the Eve of the Civil War-Celebrate the holiday season with special performances by candlelight at the Edmondston-Alston House. The historic house will be decorated for the holidays much as it would have been in 1860. Living historians in period clothing tell the story of Charleston's last opulent Christmas before the start of the Civil War and Christmas traditions of the day. In the courtyard, visitors may enjoy hot cider and hear Christmas carols and spirituals sung by *The Washingtons*, Lowcountry singers specializing in African-American spirituals and Gullah songs. Edmondston-Alston House, 21 East Battery. Nov. 30 & Dec. 7 from 6:30-8:30p.m. Admission: \$17.50/Advance, \$22.50/At the Door. For more info, call (843) 556-6020 and visit [www.middletonplace.org](http://www.middletonplace.org).

**Through Dec. 31: Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission presents *23rd Annual Holiday Festival of Lights*.** Light up your holidays with over two million gleaming lights! Journey down a three-mile driving tour jam-packed with holiday light displays, then stretch your legs and enjoy the attractions within Winter Wonderland and Santa's Village. James Island County Park, 861 Riverland Dr., James Island. Nov. 9-Dec. 31, open Sun.-Thurs. from 5:30-10p.m., Fri.-Sat. from 5:30-11p.m. Admission: \$12/Per Vehicle for Sun.-Thurs., \$15/Per Vehicle for Fri.-Sat.; receive a \$2 discount per vehicle Sun.-Thurs. with the donation of a canned food item to benefit a local charity. For more info, call (843) 795-4386 and visit [www.holidayfestivaloflights.com](http://www.holidayfestivaloflights.com).



# *Happy New Year Charleston*

December 31, 2012  
4:00pm to 10:30pm

*Marion Square & surrounding locations*  
**Admission: Free**

This high energy New Year's Eve arts celebration is a non-alcoholic event featuring family-oriented concerts and presentations to mark the New Year in Charleston.

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House

350 Meeting Street

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**Dec 1: City of North Charleston Parks & Recreation Department presents *Breakfast with Santa*.** Breakfast with Santa commences the Christmas Festival and gives area children the opportunity to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. A hearty meal is provided. Felix C. Davis Community Center, 4800 Park Circle, N. Charleston. Dec. 1 from 8-10a.m. Admission: \$4. For more info, call (843) 745-1028 and visit [www.northcharleston.org](http://www.northcharleston.org).

**Dec. 1: Summerville D.R.E.A.M. presents *Holly Days Arts & Crafts Market & Open House*.** Holiday Arts & Crafts booths fill the streets downtown and quaint shops host a Holiday Open House where you're sure to find that special gift! It's a down-home Christmas with cocoa and cookies and caroling performances by local choirs. Historic Downtown Summerville. Dec. 1 from 10a.m.-5p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 821-7260 and visit [www.summervilledream.org](http://www.summervilledream.org).

**Dec 1: Town of Moncks Corner presents *Santa Pictures*.** The Depot, Moncks Corner. Dec. 1 from 10a.m.-2p.m. Admission: Free; other fees may apply. For more info, call (843) 899-4708 and visit [www.townofmonckscorner.sc.gov](http://www.townofmonckscorner.sc.gov).

**Dec 1: Daniel Island Property Owners Association presents *Holiday Festival on Daniel Island*.** The Tennis Center will come alive with bargains galore and a vast assortment of unique gifts for the whole family. Charleston's finest vendors...including your favorite retailers to our best-kept secrets will be offering gift selections in every category. All shopping will take place in one convenient location...under the roof of the Family Circle Stadium. ATM will be available on-site. This popular Lowcountry festival, open to all of Charleston and its surrounding communities, has evolved into one of Charleston's most exciting annual holiday events offering fantastic holiday shopping opportunities for everyone in the family! Family Circle Tennis Center Stadium, 161 Seven Farms Dr., Daniel Island. Dec. 1 from 11a.m.-4p.m. Admission: Free. (kids' activities may charge a nominal fee to participate). For more info, visit [www.dicommunity.org](http://www.dicommunity.org).

**Dec 1: City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs presents the *32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony*.** Join Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. and Santa Claus in lighting the magnificent 60-foot Tree of Lights, the official City of Charleston Christmas tree. Music and entertainment begins at 4:30p.m. and the tree lighting ceremony begins at 6p.m. Produced by the City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs with assistance from the City of Charleston Parks Department. Marion Square, King & Calhoun Sts. Dec. 1 from 4:30-6:30p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 724-7305 and visit [www.charlestonarts.org](http://www.charlestonarts.org).

**Dec 1: City of North Charleston presents the *North Charleston Christmas Festival & Parade*.** The Christmas Festival includes a Holiday Market with children activities craft vendors, food vendors, and live musical performances on three stages. The Christmas Parade begins at the corner of Montague and Mixson Avenues, proceeds down Montague, around Park Circle, and concludes at Armory Park. Immediately following the Christmas Parade, Mayor R. Keith Summey lights the City's Christmas tree located outside the front entrance of the Felix C. Davis Community Center. Dec. 1: festival around Park Circle from 4-9p.m., parade begins at 6p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, visit [www.northcharleston.org](http://www.northcharleston.org).

**Dec 1: City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs presents the *32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Parade of Boats*.** You may participate in the parade by simply registering with the city, decorating your boat from stem to stern with lights, and joining us on the water. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place boats in both the power and sail categories, with the best-in-show award going to the highest scoring boat overall. For those who also wish to attend the City of Charleston's tree lighting ceremony in Marion Square on the same evening, there is ample time to get to the waterfront and enjoy both. Produced by the City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs in association with the Charleston Power Squadron and sponsored by Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina. The parade begins at approximately 5:30pm near the Mt. Pleasant side and ends in the Ashley River, (after processing down the Charleston side of the Cooper River), at approximately 7:30p.m.; viewing from the peninsula begins at 6:30p.m. Dec. 1 from 5:30-7:30p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 724-7414 and visit [www.charlestonarts.org](http://www.charlestonarts.org).

**Dec. 1-16: City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs presents the *Holiday Farmers Market as part of Holiday Magic in Historic Charleston*.** You'll find everything needed to deck the halls for the holidays and fill the pantry with baked goodies all from local farmers and artisans, including natural wreaths, fresh greenery, special breads, cookies and fresh vegetables as well as the best assortment of art, crafts and holiday gift items. Marion Square, King & Calhoun Sts. Dec 1, 8, 15 from 8a.m.-4p.m.; Dec 2, 9, 16 from 10a.m.-4p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 724-7309 and visit [www.charlestonarts.org](http://www.charlestonarts.org).

**Dec 1-31: City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs presents *Holiday Magic in Historic Charleston*.** Marion Square is beautifully lighted and decorated for the holidays, including a 60-foot Christmas Tree of Lights, a Hanukkah menorah and a Kwanzaa Kinari. Each of these cultural symbols will be lighted at the appropriate times during the holiday season. Produced by the City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs and City of Charleston Parks Department. Marion Square, King & Calhoun Sts. Dec. 1-31 from dusk to dawn. Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 724-7305 and visit [www.charlestonarts.org](http://www.charlestonarts.org).

**Dec 2: The Tri-County Fire Chiefs Association presents *Charleston Christmas Parade*.** The holiday tradition is better than ever as bands, floats, marchers and performers parade through downtown Charleston. Parade begins at Calhoun & meeting Sts., proceeds down King St. onto Broad St., then to Lockwood Blvd. Dec. 2 from 2-4p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 720-1981.

**Dec 2: Town of Moncks Corner presents the *2012 Christmas Parade*.** Parade begins at Berkeley High School, ends at Main Street Extension. Dec. 2 at 3:30p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 899-4780.

**Dec 2: Town of Moncks Corner presents the *2012 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony*.** The ceremony will include musical selections from various local performers, lighting of the Christmas Tree and Santa Claus will be our special guest for the evening. Unity Park, Main St., Moncks Corner. Dec.2 at 5:15p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, visit [www.townofmonckscorner.sc.gov](http://www.townofmonckscorner.sc.gov).

**Dec 2-16: City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs presents *Holiday Entertainment and Visits With Santa as part of Holiday Magic in Historic Charleston*.** Children's choirs, bands and other entertainment will delight audiences at Marion Square. Bring your wish lists to the North Pole mailbox and cameras for a picture with Santa, Mrs. Claus and their Elf assistants in their workshop in the magically decorated park. Marion Square, King & Calhoun Sts. Dec. 2, 8-9, 15-16 from 10a.m.-4p.m.; Dec. 7, 14 from 10a.m.-6p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 724-7305 and visit [www.charlestonarts.org](http://www.charlestonarts.org).

**Dec. 2-23: Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission presents *Visits with Mrs. Claus as part of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Festival of Lights*.** James Island County Park, 861 Riverland Dr., James Island. Dec.2, 8, 14-16, 21-23 from 6-9p.m. Admission: Free with paid park entry. For more info, call (843) 795-4386 and visit [www.holidayfestivaloflights.com](http://www.holidayfestivaloflights.com).

**Dec. 3: City of Charleston Recreation Department presents the *James Island Recreation Center Christmas Tree Lighting*.** James Island Recreation Center, 1088 Quail Dr., James Island. Dec. 3 at 5:30p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 724-7327 and visit [www.charleston-sc.gov/recreation](http://www.charleston-sc.gov/recreation).

**Dec. 3: City of Charleston Recreation Department presents the *Forest Park Christmas Tree Lighting*.** Forest Park Playground, 780 Playground Rd., West Ashley. Dec. 3 at 6:30p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 724-7327 and visit [www.charleston-sc.gov/recreation](http://www.charleston-sc.gov/recreation).

**Dec. 5-19: Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission presents *Santa Paws (photos of your pet with Santa)* as part of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Festival of Lights.** Bring your furry friend to meet with Santa Claus. On these select nights, donate pet food and receive 20% off the price of a photo package. Food to benefit a local animal shelter. James Island County Park, 861 Riverland Dr., James Island. Dec. 5, 12, 19 from 6:30-9p.m. Admission: Free with paid park entry. For more info, call (843) 795-4386 and visit [www.holidayfestivaloflights.com](http://www.holidayfestivaloflights.com).

**Dec. 6: City of Charleston Recreation Department presents the *Martin Park Holiday Celebration*.** Martin Park Playground, 155 Jackson St. Dec. 6 at 6:30p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 724-7327 and visit [www.charleston-sc.gov/recreation](http://www.charleston-sc.gov/recreation).

**Dec. 7: City of Charleston Recreation Department presents the *St. Julian Devine Senior Citizen Fun Fest*.** St. Julian Devine Community Center, 1 Cooper St. Dec. 7 from 11a.m.-2p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 724-7327 and visit [www.charleston-sc.gov/recreation](http://www.charleston-sc.gov/recreation).

**Dec. 7: City of Charleston Recreation Department presents the *West Ashley Christmas Tree Lighting*.** Bees Landing, 1580 Ashley Gardens Blvd., West Ashley. Dec. 7 from 6:30-8:30p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 724-7327 and visit [www.charleston-sc.gov/recreation](http://www.charleston-sc.gov/recreation).

**Dec 7: The French Quarter Gallery Association presents the *Fall Art Walk*.** Four times a year, the buzz of art and the taste of wine take over the French Quarter, as all of the galleries open their doors and offer wine, food and amazing art with artists present. Art Walks are a local tradition and now have become renowned among visitors. Participating galleries in the French Quarter, between S. Market & Tradd Sts., Meeting & the waterfront. Dec. 7 from 5-8p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 577-7344.

**Dec. 8: City of Isle of Palms presents a *Holiday Street Festival*.** Visit with Santa, enjoy carnival rides, photo booth, all day local restaurant and food specials, jump castles, a climbing wall and the lighting of the 22 foot Isle of Palms Holiday Tree. Free live music provided all day from artists such as Sol Driven Train, Fowler's Mustache, SIES Choir, Scottie Frier Band and Jef Wilson. Front Beach, Isle of Palms. Dec. 8 from 3-7p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 886-8294 and visit [www.iop.net](http://www.iop.net).

**Dec 8: Town of Moncks Corner presents *Grinch Pictures*.** The Depot, Moncks Corner. Dec 8 from 10a.m.-2p.m. Admission: Free; other fees may apply. For more info, call (843) 899-4708 and visit [www.townofmonckscorner.sc.gov](http://www.townofmonckscorner.sc.gov).

**Dec 8: The Town of Mount Pleasant presents its annual *Holiday Market & Craft Show*.** The event combines all the goodies from our traditional food market such as locally grown fresh produce, baked goods, hot food and homemade preserves with handcrafted gifts created by local artisans. Come see this year's wonderful assortment of Christmas ornaments, glasswork, whimsical crafts, and a wide variety of original art by locally recognized potters, artists, craftsmen and photographers. Live entertainment with a holiday twist will kindle the holiday spirit throughout the market. Children's activities will include face painting, a jump castle and a visit with Santa Claus, who will listen to Christmas wishes and hand out surprises. Farmers Market Pavilion, Coleman Blvd. & Simmons St. (Moultrie Middle School Grounds), Mt. Pleasant. Dec 8 from 11a.m.-4p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, visit [www.townofmountpleasant.com](http://www.townofmountpleasant.com).

**Dec 8: Middleton Place presents *Family Yuletide*.** Storytelling around a warm fire, caroling and craftspeople working in their shops by candlelight set the scene of the plantation's preparations for Christmas. Participants may take home their own hand-crafted holiday decorations. Fresh greenery, berries and other natural items gathered from the plantation will be provided to make holiday wreaths. Middleton Place, 4300 Ashley River Rd., West Ashley. Dec. 8 from 5:30-8p.m. Admission: \$15/Adults, \$5/Children (ages 4-13). For more info, call (843) 556-6020 and visit [www.middletonplace.org](http://www.middletonplace.org).

**Dec 8-31: The Charleston Museum presents *Holiday Decorations at the Joseph Manigault House*.** Each year, the Garden Club of Charleston uses this magnificent house as a backdrop for their creative arrangements, using only live plant materials that would have been available in the Lowcountry during the first quarter of the 19th century. This year's theme is "Charleston's Antebellum Charms." Joseph Manigault House, 350 Meeting St. Dec. 8-31, open daily from 9:30a.m.-12p.m. Admission: Free for Museum members and Free with regular museum admission (\$10/Adults, \$5/Children, Free/Children under 3). For more info, visit [www.charlestonmuseum.org](http://www.charlestonmuseum.org).

**Dec 9: Summerville Fire Department and Summerville D.R.E.A.M. presents the *Summerville Christmas Parade*.** Traditionally known as one of the largest parades in South Carolina, the parade has featured as many as 3000 participants and well over 10,000 spectators in the past. Route: West 4th North Street, Turn Right on Main Street, Turn Right on West Richardson Ave., Turn Right on Hickory Street, Finish - after you turn on Hickory Street. Dec. 9 at 2p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, visit [www.summervilledream.org](http://www.summervilledream.org).

**Dec 9: City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs and the Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Department of the College of Charleston present *Chanukah in the Square as part of Holiday Magic in Historic Charleston.***

A festive party for everyone featuring music, dancing, lighting of the nine-foot Menorah by Charleston's Holocaust survivors, crafts and many treats including latkes and other traditional Chanukah foods. Sponsored by Piggly Wiggly Carolina. Produced by City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs and the Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Department of the College of Charleston with Chabad of the Lowcountry. Marion Square, King & Calhoun Sts. Dec. 9 from 4-6p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 724-7305 and visit [www.charlestonarts.org](http://www.charlestonarts.org).

**Dec 9: The Town of Mount Pleasant presents its annual *Christmas Light Parade & Tree Lighting.***

More than 100 floats will march down Coleman Boulevard as the Mount Pleasant Christmas Light Parade sets sail to the delight of thousands of residents and visitors. The tree lighting and fireworks display will begin at approximately 5:30p.m. at Moultrie Middle School, immediately followed by the parade beginning at around 5:45p.m. The parade starts at the intersection of Coleman Boulevard and Pelzer Drive, then continues past Shem Creek to conclude at the Sea Island Shopping Center around 7:15p.m. Dec. 9 from 5:30-7:15p.m. Admission. Free. For more info, visit [www.townofmountpleasant.com](http://www.townofmountpleasant.com).

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***Yuletide Madrigal Feast with the College of Charleston Madrigal Singers***

Renaissance Dinner and Performance

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\$60 general / \$40 for CofC faculty and staff

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**Dec. 13: Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission presents *Holiday Hoedown*.** People with special needs and their families and friends are invited to an unforgettable night! Come dressed in your favorite western gear to welcome the holiday country-style. Dance to a DJ, watch as an ice sculpture is created, and have light refreshments with Mrs. Claus. A registered and paid chaperone is required for participants ages 15 and under. Wannamaker County Park, 8888 University Blvd., N. Charleston. Dec. 13 at 6p.m. Cost: \$5/Non-CCR, \$4/CCR, \$5/on-site (if available); tickets are limited, advance purchase recommended. For more info and to register, call (843) 795-4386 and visit [www.holidayfestivaloflights.com](http://www.holidayfestivaloflights.com).

**Dec. 13-14: The Middleton Place presents *Grand Illumination – Christmas 1782*.** Step back to Christmas, 1782. Stroll through gardens illuminated by torchlight, candlelight, and starlight and hear costumed interpreters along the way tell stories of the joyous holiday season when the British evacuated Charleston at the end of the Revolutionary War. See the House seasonally decorated and glowing in candlelight, and on the Greensward, enjoy a warm fire, live music and refreshments. The event concludes with a Southern Buffet dinner in the Pavilion. Middleton Place, 4300 Ashley River Rd., West Ashley. Dec 13-14 from 6-8p.m. Admission: \$45/Adults, \$20/Children \$35/Foundation Volunteers. For more info, call (843) 556-6020 and visit [www.middletonplace.org](http://www.middletonplace.org).

**Dec 14: Town of Mount Pleasant presents Columbia Marionette Theatre: *“Santa’s Christmas Party”*** Come enjoy the fun in this show with Santa, Jack Frost, an ice skater, and Frosty the Snowman. G.M. Darby Building, 302 Pitt St., Mt. Pleasant. Dec. 14 at 10a.m. Admission: \$2. For more info and to make reservations, call (843) 849-2061.

**Dec. 28: City of Charleston Recreation Department presents the *Kwanzaa Celebration*.** St. Julian Devine Community Center, 1 Cooper St. Dec. 28 from 2-6p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 724-7327 and visit [www.charleston-sc.gov/recreation](http://www.charleston-sc.gov/recreation).

**Dec. 31: City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs presents *Happy New Year Charleston*.** This community celebration offers a non-alcoholic and family-oriented alternative program to celebrate the New Year in Charleston. This city wide, admission-free program has something wonderful for everyone: comedy, dance, music, children’s activities and so much more. Marion Square, corner of Calhoun & King Sts. Dec. 31 from 4-10:30p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 724-7305 and visit [www.charlestonarts.org](http://www.charlestonarts.org).

**Dec. 31: Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission presents *Winter Carnival at the Holiday Festival of Lights*.** The perfect place for families to celebrate the New Year, the Winter Carnival features children's amusement rides, an old-fashioned carousel, portable climbing wall, inflatables, and much more. Purchase a \$10 wristband for unlimited rides on attractions (festival train not included). At 9 p.m., ring in 2013 with a bang with the spectacular New Year's Eve fireworks show! Outside alcohol and coolers are prohibited. James Island County Park, 861 Riverland Dr., James Island. Dec. 31 from 5:30-11 p.m. For more info, call (843) 795-4386 and visit [www.holidayfestivaloflights.com](http://www.holidayfestivaloflights.com).



### Explore Charleston's History through Art

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## FUNDRAISERS

**Through Dec. 24: St. Andrew's Parks and Playground presents *Optimist Club Tree Lot*.** The West Ashley Optimist Club Christmas Tree Lot returns to St. Andrew's Parks and Playground beginning Friday, Nov. 23 at 10am! Come pick out your perfect tree. We have small table toppers to large and full Fraser Firs. All proceeds benefit area youth programs through the Optimist Club! We are also in need of volunteers to help families pick out their tree and load them onto the vehicles. Please call (843) 763-4360 to find out more about volunteering. St. Andrew's Parks and Playground, 1095 Playground Rd., West Ashley. Nov. 23-Dec. 24, open Mon.-Fri. from 12-8p.m., Sat. 10a.m.-8p.m., Sun. 1-8p.m. Cost: Varies. For more info, call (843) 225-9612 ext. 1 and visit [www.standrewsparks.com](http://www.standrewsparks.com).

**Dec 1: Charitable Society of Charleston presents the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Reindeer Run.** Proceeds benefit MUSC Children's Hospital Fund. A jolly jog or jaunt (5K-3.1 miles) through the streets of downtown Charleston during the holiday season. This event is for reindeer of all fitness levels and all ages and benefits MUSC Children's Hospital. Whether it's running or walking the course, be sure to dress in your best holiday costume to win fabulous prizes. The Reindeer Run is for everyone including runners, walkers, dogs, strollers, & scooters. Front of Southend Brewery, 161 East Bay St. Dec. 1 at 9a.m. Registration Fees: \$18-\$32. For more info, visit [www.reindeerrun.org](http://www.reindeerrun.org).

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**Dec 1: Daniel Joseph Jenkins Institute for Children and The Orphan Aid Society Inc. Celebrates its *Annual Fundraising Banquet*.** This year the Jenkins Institute commemorates 121 years of caring and nurturing the children of South Carolina – regardless of race, creed, or religious background. The Institute strives to be a beacon of hope for all children. Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church Family Life Center, 7396 Rivers Ave., N. Charleston. Dec. 1 at 6p.m. Admission: \$35. For more info, call (843) 744-1771.

**Dec. 1: Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina presents *Oysters at the Point*.** Perfect afternoon of music & activities leading up to the Holiday Parade of Boats. Outdoor Sports Café; local artists & crafts; fire pits; food available for purchase. Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina, 20 Patriots Point Rd., Mt. Pleasant. Dec. 1 from 2-6p.m. Admission: \$5/Adults, Free/Children. For more info, visit [www.charlestonharborresort.com](http://www.charlestonharborresort.com).

**Dec 1: South Carolina Aquarium presents *Sea Life By Starlight*.** Enjoy a night out under the twinkling stars of Charleston, and among the aquatic surroundings of the Aquarium. Enjoy festive cocktails at the open bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres, live music and DJ, along with silent and live auctions while mingling with fellow supporters of aquatic and nature conservation. Dress: Cocktail Attire. Hosted by the South Carolina Aquarium Alliance. South Carolina Aquarium, 100 Aquarium Wharf. Dec 1 from 6-10:30p.m. Admission: \$50/Shining Star, \$60/Sea Star, \$75/Shooting Star. For more info, call (843) 720-1990 and visit [www.scaquarium.org](http://www.scaquarium.org).

**Dec. 1-30: MUSC Children's Hospital presents "*Kids Helping Kids*" *Holiday Card Project*.** Purchase holiday cards to benefit MUSC Children's Hospital. Each year, young patients and their friends create works of art on greeting cards that are sold throughout the Charleston area with all the proceeds given to the hospital for cancer research and education. Locations vary. Cost: \$15 for pack of 15. For more info, call (843) 792-0350 and visit [www.musckids.com](http://www.musckids.com).

**Dec 2: American Red Cross presents *Wine Under the Oaks*.** Enjoy an afternoon on the majestic back lawn of Boone Hall Plantation sampling fine wines & gourmet foods from Lowcountry chefs while purchasing holiday gifts and bidding on silent auction items to benefit the American Red Cross Heroes for Fire Victims Campaign. Attire is casual. Boone Hall Plantation, 1235 Long Point Rd., Mt. Pleasant. Dec. 2, gates open at 12:30p.m., event starts at 1p.m. Admission: \$35/Advance, \$40/At the Door. For more info, call (843) 884-4371 and visit [www.lowcountryredcross.org](http://www.lowcountryredcross.org) or [www.boonehallplantation.com](http://www.boonehallplantation.com).

**Dec 6: Metanoia Community Development Corporation presents its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Jubilee and Bidding For Good Auction.** Charleston area residents are invited to kick off the holiday season in a jubilant celebration of North Charleston's young leaders. Metanoia, which works with the Chicora Cherokee Community to create a strong neighborhood, is hosting its annual Christmas Jubilee. Going to be out the country? Out of town, perhaps? Well no need to worry! You can still donate your love to the cause. North Charleston Montague Terrace, 5055 International Blvd., N. Charleston. Dec. 6 at 6p.m. Admission: \$30/Adults, \$15/Children. For more info, call (843) 529-3014 and visit [www.pushingforward.org](http://www.pushingforward.org).


**Dec 7: Mackenzie Image Consulting and Charleston Place Hotel present the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual King Street Shop Walk.** Proceeds benefit the Center for Women. Purchase your official King Street Shop Walk passport to indulge in discounts, sweets and treats, champagne, wine, entertainment, makeovers, and much more at 60+ participating King Street retailers the night of the event. Collect raffle tickets as you shop for your chance to win more than 20 door prizes, some valued at more than \$500. Charleston Place Hotel, 205 Meeting St. Dec. 7 from 6-8p.m. Admission: \$15/Advance, \$20/On-site. For more info, visit [www.KingStreet-ShopWalk.com](http://www.KingStreet-ShopWalk.com).

**Dec 7: Camp Happy Days presents 23rd Annual Cabooty Holiday Party.** Don't miss this fun party to kick off the holiday season! There will be music, food, drinks and a live and silent auction! Camp Happy Days' is excited to announce a new addition to the event, a new way of bidding through text messages on your cell phone for the live and silent auction, so charge up your phones and head to the Memminger for great time! Dec. 7 at 7p.m. Memminger Auditorium, 56 Beaufain St. Admission: \$50. For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 571-4336 or email [eleanoranne@camphappydays.com](mailto:eleanoranne@camphappydays.com).

**Dec 8: Knology presents the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Pajama Run.** Proceeds benefit MUSC Hollings Cancer Center. Joe Riley Stadium, 360 Fishburne St. Dec. 8: 9a.m. packet pickup, 10a.m. 5K Race Begins, 11a.m. Pajama Party. Registration: \$25/Advance Online, \$40/At the Door. For more info, visit [www.pajamarun.org](http://www.pajamarun.org).

**Dec 9: The Charleston Audubon Society, a SC chapter of the National Audubon Society, presents its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Party & Oyster Roast.** Enjoy a delicious traditional oyster roast—complete with multiple kinds of chili, live music, lots of cool prizes to be raffled off and more. Enjoy the best view of the marsh around while socializing and supporting a good cause. Bowen's Island Restaurant, 1870 Bowen's Island Rd., James Island near Folly Beach. Dec. 9 from 2-5p.m. Admission: \$25/Advance, \$30/At the Door. For more info, visit [www.charlestonaudubon.org](http://www.charlestonaudubon.org).

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## LECTURES, READINGS, BOOK SIGNINGS & FILMS

**Dec. 5: The Old Exchange Building presents a lecture by John Young: *The Charleston Tea Party, 1774*.** Boston had its famous Tea Party in December 1773. Charleston would have a series of opportunities to replicate the northerners efforts; however, almost a full, frustrating year would pass before the stars aligned for the city's patriots. John Young grew up on a dairy farm in northeastern Vermont. He graduated from the University of Vermont, in Burlington, with a B.S. in Social Sciences. He worked for the Vermont Job Service, operated a bread route, and for a decade owned and operated a comic book shop. He and his family moved to Charleston 18 years ago, and after four years in a variety of jobs, went to work at the Exchange. He later became tour guide and currently works at The Powder Magazine. Two years ago, his book, *A Walk in the Parks*, was published. During his research on the Old Exchange, he became fascinated with the Charleston Tea Party. Old Exchange Building, 122 East Bay St. Dec. 5 at 6p.m. Admission: \$5. For more info, call (843) 727-2165 and visit [www.oldexchange.org](http://www.oldexchange.org).

**Dec 6: The Charleston Library Society presents its *Wide Angle Lunch Series: Joe Perry "Christmas in Germany: Family, Faith, and Fatherland."*** As Charleston's Christmas trees begin to go up, Dr. Joe Perry, Associate Professor of Modern German and European History at Georgia State University and author of *Christmas in Germany: A Cultural History* (2010) explores the cultural importance of the festive season. The German Christmas is famously a cosy—*gemuetlich*—celebration of faith and family, supposedly rooted in pre-Christian ritual but also celebrating enduring national values. Perry reveals the extent to which the German Christmas was in fact used as a political, commercial and religious tool in the battles for the German people's mind and soul throughout the 20th century. The Charleston Library Society, 164 King St. Dec. 6 at 12:30p.m. Admission: \$20/Members; \$25/Non-Members. For more info, call (843) 723-9912 and visit [www.charlestonlibrarysociety.org](http://www.charlestonlibrarysociety.org).

**Dec 8: The Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art presents *SYMPOSIUM | BIO-LOGICAL ARCHITECTURE: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE*.** Entitled *Bio-Logical Architecture: Past, Present, and Future*, the symposium will bring Linda Weintraub, an eco-art-architecture writer, and William Katavolos, an architect and designer, together with the Halsey Institute's curator Mark Sloan to discuss eco-bio-architecture. They will examine how ZanFagna's vision of the possibilities within architecture are not only achievable, but within our grasp. A reception will follow at the Pulse Dome Project exhibition in the Halsey Institute galleries. Recital Hall, Simons Center for the Arts, 54 St. Philip St. Dec 8 from 2-6p.m. For more info, call (843) 953-4422 and visit [www.halsey.cofc.edu](http://www.halsey.cofc.edu).

**Dec. 15: St. Andrew's Parks and Playground presents *Breakfast with The Grinch*.** Come enjoy breakfast and watch the classic movie "*How The Grinch Stole Christmas*" and have your picture taken with The Grinch and Santa. Must bring your own camera to take pictures. St. Andrew's Parks Gym, 1095 Playground Rd., West Ashley. Dec. 15 at 8:30a.m. (must be registered by Dec. 12). Admission: \$6/Child, \$3/Parent if eating breakfast. For more info, call (843) 225-9612 ext. 1 and visit [www.standrewsparks.com](http://www.standrewsparks.com).

**Dec. 29-30: Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission presents *Outdoor Holiday Movie* as part of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Festival of Lights.** James Island County Park, 861 Riverland Dr., James Island. Dec. 29-30 from 6-10p.m. Admission: Free with paid park entry. For more info, call (843) 795-4386 and visit [www.holidayfestivaloflights.com](http://www.holidayfestivaloflights.com).



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Forest Park  
Playground

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December 6; 6:30pm  
Martin Park  
Playground

### ST. JULIAN DEVINE SENIOR

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December 7  
6:30pm-8:30pm  
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December 8  
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December 19; 11am

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## MUSIC

**Through Dec. 1: Charleston Symphony Orchestra presents *Rejoice! A Spiritual & Gospel Holiday Celebration*.** The joyous sounds of the holiday featuring the Charleston Symphony Orchestra Spiritual Ensemble and the CSO Gospel Choir performing African-American spirituals and toe-tapping gospel gems. Conducted by Dr. Isaiah R. McGee. Sottile Theatre, 44 George St. Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 at 7:30p.m. Admission: \$35/Adults, \$20/Students (ages 6-22). For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 723-7528 ext. 110 or (866) 811-4111 and visit [www.csogospel.com](http://www.csogospel.com) and [www.charlestonsymphony.org](http://www.charlestonsymphony.org).

**Through Dec. 2: The South Carolina Corps of Cadets presents its *Christmas Candlelight Service*.** Cadets from the Protestant, Catholic, Gospel Choirs, Chorale, and members of The Citadel Regimental Band take part in the annual celebration of the birth of Christ, observing the events of the Advent, the Annunciation, the Birth of the King, and Epiphany through Scripture lessons and carols. Traditional and international favorites are sung, and special highlights include the Procession of Lights. Cadets coordinate the production with Nancy Lefter, director of chorale activities, organist Mark A. Bebensee of the School of Business Administration and Commander Mike Alverson, director of music. Summerall Chapel, The Citadel, 171 Moultrie St. Nov. 30-Dec. 2 from 7:30-8:30p.m. Admission: Free; donations accepted. For more info, call (843) 953-5049 and visit [www.citadel.edu](http://www.citadel.edu).

**Through Dec. 11: Ann Caldwell and the Magnolia Singers present *Praise House*.** Ann Caldwell and the Magnolia Singers is an a cappella group that performs spirituals, Gullah poetry and stories indigenous to the Lowcountry. Circular Congregational Church, 150 Meeting St. Nov. 13, 20, 27 & Dec. 4, 11 at 7:15p.m. Admission: \$15/General; \$13/Seniors; \$10/Students & Young Adults; Free/Children under age 12; order tickets online at [www.brownbagtickets.com](http://www.brownbagtickets.com). For more info, call (843) 577-4634 and visit [www.anncaldwell.com](http://www.anncaldwell.com).

**Through Dec. 28: Charleston Musical Heritage Productions presents *The Sound of Charleston: Special Holiday Edition*.** Experience the unique sounds that played a role in shaping Charleston's early culture - from gospel to Gershwin; music of the Civil War; jazz, light classics and much more. Special concerts in December will include Christmas and holiday music of that period. Join the cast after each show for hot wassail and cookies in the festively decorated Circular Congregational Church in historic downtown Charleston. Circular Congregational Church, 150 Meeting St. Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28 at 7p.m. Admission: \$28/Adults, \$25/Seniors (62+), Free/Children 12 & under (if accompanied by an adult). For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 270-4903 and visit [www.soundofcharleston.com](http://www.soundofcharleston.com).

**Dec 1: Best of Broadway Series presents *Mannheim Steamroller*.** The tour, now in its 27th year, is still met by sold-out audiences and was one of the top 20 concert tours in the nation last year. This year Mannheim Steamroller's two touring ensembles will hold over 90 performances throughout the United States. Grammy Award® winner Davis will direct and co-produce the performances with MagicSpace Entertainment. The shows will feature the favorite Christmas music of Mannheim Steamroller along with state-of-the-art multimedia effects in an intimate setting. North Charleston Performing Arts Center, 5001 Coliseum Dr., N. Charleston. Dec. 1 at 8p.m. Admission: \$65. For more info, call (843) 529-5050 and visit [www.coliseumpace.com](http://www.coliseumpace.com).

**Dec 1-2: Taylor Music Group presents *A Celtic Christmas with John Doyle*.** Our popular annual Christmas show with a Celtic flair. The young fiddlers of Na Fidleiri, the Taylor Festival Choir, and Irish folk musician sensation, John Doyle, come together for a musical celebration of the Holiday season. Dec. 1 at 7:30p.m. at Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul, 126 Coming St.; Dec. 2 at 4p.m. at St. Paul's Summerville, 316 W. Carolina Ave, Summerville. Admission: \$18/General, \$25/Preferred Seating, \$10/Students; order by phone (843) 559-0358 and visit [www.taylormusicgroup.org](http://www.taylormusicgroup.org). For more info, call (843) 696-9670.



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**Sunday December 2, 4:00 pm** St. Paul's Summerville  
316 W. Carolina Avenue, Summerville

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**Dec. 2: Charleston Southern University presents *O Wondrous Light! A CSU Christmas*.** Featuring the CSU Choral Ensembles Bel Canto, Concert Singers, Singing Buccaneers and University Chorus with the CSU Wind Ensemble, hear the beautiful sacred choral and instrumental music of the Advent and Christmas season. Lightsey Chapel Auditorium, Charleston Southern University, 9200 University Blvd., N. Charleston. Dec. 2 at 3p.m. Admission: \$10/General, \$5/Seniors. For more info, call (843) 863-7966 and visit [www.charlestonsonthern.edu](http://www.charlestonsonthern.edu).

**Dec 3: Charleston Southern University Horton School of Music presents its *December Finale Instrumental Chamber Ensembles*.** The CSU Instrumental Chamber Ensembles will be featured in this performance: percussion ensemble, flute choir, clarinet choir, brass choir, guitar ensemble and more! Lightsey Chapel Auditorium, Charleston Southern University, 9200 University Blvd., N. Charleston. Dec. 3 at 7:30p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 863-7966 and visit [www.charlestonsonthern.edu](http://www.charlestonsonthern.edu).

**Dec 3: College of Charleston presents *Monday Night Concert Series featuring the College of Charleston Concert Choir*.** Recital Hall, Simons Center for the Arts, 54 St. Philip St. Dec. 3 at 8p.m. Admission: \$10/At the Door, Free/CofC Students. For more info, call (843) 953-5927 and visit [www.music.cofc.edu](http://www.music.cofc.edu).

**Dec 4: College of Charleston Music Department presents *St. Luke's Recital Series featuring Loretta Haskell, organ*.** St. Luke's Chapel at MUSC, 181 Ashley Ave. Dec. 4 at 12:15p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 792-6775 or email [WallaceB@musc.edu](mailto:WallaceB@musc.edu).


**Dec. 4: Charleston Southern University presents *Carols in the Round*.** Featuring the CSU Concert Singers in an all a cappella Christmas program, hear the beautifully sounds of a cappella Christmas carols in the acoustically resonant rotunda of the CSU Science building. Charleston Southern University, Science Building, 9200 University Blvd., N. Charleston. Dec. 4 at 7:30pm. Admission: \$5. For more info, call (843) 863-7966 and visit [www.charlestonsonthern.edu](http://www.charlestonsonthern.edu).

**Dec. 4: Charleston Symphony Orchestra presents *Holiday Horns-Brass Quintet in Mt. Pleasant*.** Enjoy an evening of holiday favorites performed by the Charleston Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet. Ticket includes a complimentary reception graciously provided by the church. St. Andrew's Church, 44 Whilden St., Mt. Pleasant. Dec. 4 at 7p.m. Admission: \$20/Adults, \$10/Students (ages 6-22). For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 723-7528 ext. 110 and visit [www.charlestonsymphony.org](http://www.charlestonsymphony.org).

**Dec. 6: Charleston Symphony Orchestra presents *Holiday Ensembles-Downtown*.** Enjoy an evening of Christmastime favorites performed by the String Ensemble and the Woodwind Quintet of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra. The CSO Ensembles present music by Bach, Elgar, and Tchaikovsky alongside popular holiday songs and carols. Charleston Library Society, 164 King St. Dec. 6 at 7p.m. Admission: \$20/Adults, \$10/Students (ages 6-22). For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 723-7528 ext. 110 and visit [www.charlestonsymphony.org](http://www.charlestonsymphony.org)

**Dec 6-8: College of Charleston Department of Music presents its *Yuletide Madrigal Feast*.** Madrigal Singers will perform sacred and secular traditional, holiday carols replete with Renaissance entertainment and feast. Randolph Hall, College of Charleston, 66 George St. Dec. 6-8 from 7-9p.m. Admission: \$60/General, \$40/CofC Faculty & Staff; reservations required at least 48 hours in advance. For more info, call (843) 953-8231 and visit <http://music.cofc.edu>.

**Dec. 6-13: Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission presents *Lowcountry Power Brass Performance as part of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Festival of Lights*.** James Island County Park, 861 Riverland Dr., James Island. Dec. 6 & 13 from 6:30-9p.m. Admission: Free with paid park entry. For more info, call (843) 795-4386 and visit [www.holidayfestivaloflights.com](http://www.holidayfestivaloflights.com).



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**Dec 7: Town of Mount Pleasant presents The Puppet Playhouse: “Holiday Puppet Sing-a-Long.”** Join the puppets as they celebrate with fun, cheerful winter holiday songs. G.M Darby Building, 302 Pitt St., Mt. Pleasant. Dec. 7 at 10a.m. Admission: \$2. For more info, call (843) 849-2061.

**Dec. 7: Charleston Symphony Orchestra presents Holiday Horns-Brass Quintet at St. Johannes.** Enjoy an evening of holiday favorites performed by the Charleston Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet. Ticket includes a complimentary reception graciously provided by the church. St. Johannes Lutheran Church, 48 Hassell St. Dec. 7 at 7p.m. Admission: \$20/Adults, \$10/Students (ages 6-22). For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 723-7528 ext. 110 and visit [www.charlestonsymphony.org](http://www.charlestonsymphony.org).

**Dec 7-10: Summerville Baptist Church presents the Low Country Singing Christmas Tree.** Come share the excitement of this year’s presentation of the Low Country Singing Christmas Tree. The production features singing, live orchestra, beautiful costumes, a light show as we tell the timeless story of Jesus’ birth. We want to remind and encourage you through this musical presentation that Christ can still be the center of your Christmas. Summerville Baptist Church, 417 Central Ave., Summerville. Dec. 7, 10 at 7:30p.m., Dec 8-9 at 3p.m. & 5:30p.m. Admission: \$8. For more info, call (843) 873-2440 and visit [www.summervillebaptist.org](http://www.summervillebaptist.org).

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**Dec. 8: North Charleston Pops presents *A Lowcountry Christmas featuring Larnelle Harris*.** There is nothing like Christmastime in the Lowcountry! We are honored to have incredible singer Larnelle Harris joining the North Charleston Pops! for an evening of holiday fare you will not forget for a long time to come. Larnelle has won many Grammy and Multiple Dove Awards and has a powerful and emotional voice that is sure to touch you to the core. We will present an evening of secular and sacred Christmas classics plus many of Larnelle's award winning hits, including *The Greatest of These*. North Charleston Performing Arts Center, 5001 Coliseum Dr., N. Charleston. Dec. 8 at 7:30p.m. Admission: \$15-\$35. For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 202-2787 and visit [www.northcharlestonpops.com](http://www.northcharlestonpops.com).

**Dec 8-9: Drayton Hall Presents the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Spirituals Concert: *A Charleston Tradition*.** Drayton Hall presents African-American spiritual music with three concerts by Ann Caldwell and The Magnolia Singers. The evening begins with a catered reception and informal tours of the house by Drayton Hall's experienced museum guides, and is followed by the concert. Drayton Hall, 3380 Ashley River Road, West Ashley. Dec. 8-9 at 3p.m.; Dec. 8 at 5:30p.m. Admission: \$35/General, \$30/Friends of Drayton Hall. For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 769-2600 and visit [www.draytonhall.org](http://www.draytonhall.org).

**Dec 9: Charleston Men's Chorus presents *Christmas at the Sottile*.** A concert filled with joyful and sacred holiday music as only the Charleston Men's Chorus can sing it! Interim Director Ricard Bordas will conduct, and Pamela Nelson will accompany on piano. Sottile Theatre, 44 George St. Dec. 11 at 3p.m. Admission: \$15 plus \$1 surcharge; Free/Children 6 and under; purchase in person at Monster Music & Movies (West Ashley) and Royall Hardware (Mt. Pleasant) and online at [www.cmchorus.com](http://www.cmchorus.com). For more info, call (843) 720-8505 or visit [www.cmchorus.com](http://www.cmchorus.com).

**Dec. 9: Charleston Symphony Orchestra presents *Holiday Horns-Brass Quintet in Summerville*.** Enjoy an evening of holiday favorites performed by the Charleston Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet. Ticket includes a complimentary reception graciously provided by the church. St. John the Beloved, 28 Sumter Ave., Summerville. Dec. 9 at 4p.m. Admission: \$15/Adults, \$10/Students (ages 6-22). For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 723-7528 ext. 110 and visit [www.charlestonsymphony.org](http://www.charlestonsymphony.org).



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**Dec 13: Charleston Academy of Music presents its *Honors Recital*.** CAM's Honors Recital will feature students who have been selected to perform through an audition process. Students of various ages will perform pieces they have been working on over the course of the semester. Recital Hall, Simons Center for the Arts, 54 St. Philip St. Dec 13 at 6p.m. Admission: Free. For more info call (843) 805-7794 or visit [www.charlestonmusic.org](http://www.charlestonmusic.org).

**Dec. 14: Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission presents *Palmetto Bronze Handbell Ensemble as part of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Festival of Lights*.** James Island County Park, 861 Riverland Dr., James Island. Dec. 14 at Time TBA. Admission: Free with paid park entry. For more info, call (843) 795-4386 and visit [www.holidayfestivaloflights.com](http://www.holidayfestivaloflights.com).

**Dec. 14-15: Charleston Symphony Orchestra presents *Holiday Pops!*** All of your holiday favorites with the CSO Chorus, Charleston Children's Chorus, and conductor James Stephenson, whose arrangements have been performed by the Boston Pops, Cincinnati Pops, New York Pops, and more. Sottile Theatre, 44 George St. Dec. 14-15 at 7:30p.m. Admission: \$24-\$52/Adults, \$20/Students (ages 6-22). For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 723-7528 ext. 110 and visit [www.charlestonsymphony.org](http://www.charlestonsymphony.org).

**Dec. 18-21: Charleston Symphony Orchestra presents *Holy City Messiah*.** There is no better time of year to enjoy Handel's sacred oratorio that has long been associated with good will and charity. Dec. 18 at 7:30p.m. at Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 120 Broad St.; Dec. 20 at 7p.m. at St. Theresa Catholic Church, 11001 Dorchester Rd., Summerville; Dec. 21 at 7:30p.m. at St. Benedict Catholic Church, 950 Darrell Creek Trail, Mt. Pleasant. Admission: \$25-\$30/Adults, \$10/Students (ages 6-22). For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 723-7528 ext. 110 and visit [www.charlestonsymphony.org](http://www.charlestonsymphony.org).

**Dec. 21-22: Charleston Symphony Orchestra presents *Hansel and Gretel*.** Just in time for the holidays, the CSO presents a timeless tale that's fun for the whole family. Come early and visit the Instrument Petting Zoo! Before the 11a.m., 10a.m., and 5:30p.m., concerts, the Charleston Symphony Orchestra League will host an Instrument Petting Zoo for kids starting one hour prior to the performance. The Zoos offer a unique, hands-on opportunity for children of all ages to play a variety of orchestral instruments. No additional charge is made for entrance to the IPZ beyond the cost of tickets. Dock Street Theatre, 135 Church St. Dec. 21 at 11a.m.; Dec. 22 at 10a.m., 11:30a.m., 5:30p.m. & 7p.m. Admission: \$10/All Ages. For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 723-7528 ext. 110 and visit [www.charlestonsymphony.org](http://www.charlestonsymphony.org).

**Dec 22: Chamber Music Charleston presents *The Night Before Christmas: A Classical Kids Concert*.** Join us for an exciting and interactive 45-minute concert created specifically for younger audiences! The magic of music and storytelling comes together for the holiday season in the annual production of "The Night Before Christmas." Sing along songs, stories set to music and some very special guests make this a wonderful way for the whole family to prepare for the holiday. Sottile Theatre, 44 George St. Dec. 22 at 1p.m. Admission: \$10/Adults, \$5/Children ages 4-16, Free/Children under 3. For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 763-4941 and visit [www.ChamberMusicCharleston.org](http://www.ChamberMusicCharleston.org).

**Dec 23: Chamber Music Charleston & Actors' Theatre of South Carolina present *A Dylan Thomas Christmas in Wales*.** Broadway film, TV and Broadway star, Clarence Felder is joined onstage by musicians of Chamber Music Charleston as the engaging Christmas memoir of famous Welsh poet, Dylan Thomas, is brought to life. A collaboration between Chamber Music Charleston and Actors' Theatre of South Carolina which combines live chamber music with acting of the highest caliber. Dock Street Theatre, 135 Church St. Dec. 23 at 3:30p.m. & 7:30p.m. Admission: \$20/Adults, \$15/Seniors, \$10/Students & Youth (up to 18). For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 763-4941 and visit [www.ChamberMusicCharleston.org](http://www.ChamberMusicCharleston.org).

 <p><b>A TUNA CHRISTMAS</b></p> <p>By Jaston Williams, Joe Sears, and Ed Howard Directed by Kristen Kos</p>	<p>Nov. 30; Dec. 1, 6-8, 13-15 at 8 pm Dec. 2, 9, &amp; 16 at 3 pm</p> <p>Set in Texas' third smallest town, Tuna, this comedic play shines a light on life in a small southern town during the holiday season. Centered on the town's annual Christmas Lawn Display Contest and the "Christmas Phantom" who is mysteriously vandalizing the entries, <i>A Tuna Christmas</i> is a yuletide lampoon that's hysterically entertaining.</p> <p>\$25 Adult    \$22 Senior    \$15 Student (student rush price: \$10 at door 15 minutes prior curtain with valid student ID)</p> <p>Also onstage this season: <i>Our Town</i>, <i>Sex Please, We're Sixty!</i> and <i>Oklahoma!</i></p>
<p><b>843.722.4487    <a href="http://www.footlightplayers.net">www.footlightplayers.net</a>    the Footlight Players</b> <b>20 Queen Street    Charleston, SC 29401</b></p>	

## THEATRE & MUSICAL THEATRE

**Through Dec. 16: Sprouts Musical Theatre presents *The No Hole Holiday*.**

"The holiday world is a strange and unusual place" . . . and when Axel the Elf is promoted to Santa's personal staff, he runs into industrious gnomes, mischievous Halloween goblins and a machine you must see to believe. The No Hole Holiday is an interactive, international award-winning modern musical fairy-tale of fantasy and glee! Appropriate for ages 4+. Creative Spark Center for the Arts, 757 Long Point Rd., Mt. Pleasant. Nov. 30 & Dec. 7, 14 at 6:30p.m.; Dec. 1, 8, 15 at 3p.m.; Dec. 2, 9, 16 at 5p.m. Admission: \$15/Advance, \$17/At the Door. For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 881-3780 and visit [www.creativespark.org](http://www.creativespark.org).

**Through Dec 16: Charleston Stage presents: *A Christmas Story*.**

The only thing little Ralphie Parker wants for Christmas is a Daisy Brand Red Ryder BB rifle. The only things standing in his way are his no-nonsense "You'll shoot your eye out" parents, a freezing flagpole, and the mis-haps and misadventures that plague poor ten-year-old Ralphie. Based on the beloved holiday movie classic *A Christmas Story*, on stage it includes even more of Ralphie's adventures drawn from humorist Jean Shepherd's memoir *In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash*, on which the classic holiday comedy is based. Dock Street Theatre, 135 Church St. Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 6-8, 13-15 at 7:30p.m.; Dec. 4 at 5p.m.; Dec. 9, 16 at 3p.m. Admission: \$34.50-\$48.50/Adults, \$32.50-\$48.50/Seniors (60+), \$22.50-\$48.50/Students (25 & under). For more info or to purchase tickets, call (843) 577-7183 and visit [www.CharlestonStage.com](http://www.CharlestonStage.com).

**Through Dec 16: The Footlight Players present *A Tuna Christmas*.**

Set in Texas' third smallest town, Tuna, this comedic play shines a light on life in a small southern town during the holiday season. Centered on the town's annual Christmas Lawn Display Contest and the "Christmas Phantom" who is mysteriously vandalizing the entries, *A Tuna Christmas* is a yuletide lampoon that's hysterically entertaining. Footlight Players Theatre, 20 Queen St. Nov. 30; Dec. 1, 6-8, 13-15 at 8 p.m. Dec. 2, 9, & 16 at 3 p.m. Admission: \$25/Adults, \$22/Seniors, \$15/Students (with valid student ID). For more info or to purchase tickets, call (843) 722-4487 and visit [www.FootlightPlayers.net](http://www.FootlightPlayers.net).

**Through Dec. 30: The Black Fedora Comedy Mystery Theatre presents *A Sweet T. Christmas*.** A Holiday Whodunit with Spirit. On the eve of Christmas in Charleston there's more than a freak snowstorm falling at Sweet T.'s B&B. There's the happy but hapless handyman dropping the ball on wiring up a down-right deadly light display. There's the beauty school drop-out who falls fast for any man with nice hair and a full set of teeth. There's the sheriff with a belly like a bowl full of jelly doughnuts dropping off a mysterious stranger who might just get the drop on them all. And then there's those lively little lottery balls dropping one by one that will throw everyone's candy cane dreams into free-fall. If all you want for Christmas is to share a few smiles with those you love or can otherwise endure, drop in for a comic mystery that will suit your holiday to *A Sweet T. Christmas*. The Black Fedora Comedy Mystery Theatre, 164 Church St. Nov. 23-24, 29-30 and Dec. 1, 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 27-29 at 7:30p.m.; Nov. 25 and Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 4p.m.; Dec. 4, 11 at 7p.m. Admission: \$24/Adults; \$22/College & Military; \$15/Child. For more info, call (843) 937-6453 and visit [www.charlestonmysteries.com](http://www.charlestonmysteries.com).

**Dec. 1: Theatre 99 presents *Charleston Comedy Festival Stand Up Competition Finals*.** Over 60 stand up comedians competed in this year's Charleston Comedy Festival Stand Up Competition and now just 6 finalists remain. Each finalist will have 10 minutes to make you laugh and win your vote. The finalist with the most votes will win \$500, the finalist with the judges vote wins \$500!! Theatre 99, 280 Meeting St. Dec. 1 at 10p.m. Admission: \$10; no phone reservations accepted for this show. For more info, call (843) 853-6687 and visit [www.theatre99.com](http://www.theatre99.com).

**Dec 1-9: Midtown Productions presents "*Once Upon A Mattress!*" a youth performance.** A *Musical Theatre Presentation for the WHOLE FAMILY!* If you thought you knew the story of The Princess and The Pea, you are in for a BIG surprise! This rollicking spin on the familiar classic of royal courtship comeuppance provides for some side-splitting shenanigans. Chances are, you'll never look at fairy tales quite the same way again! Presented by the (audition-only) Youth Musical Theatre MasterClass Troupe! Dec. 1, 8 at 12p.m. & 4p.m., Dec. 2, 9 at 3p.m., Dec. 7 at 7p.m. For more info, call (843) 557-1163; to purchase tickets, call (843) 795-2223 and visit [www.midtownproductions.org](http://www.midtownproductions.org).

**Dec. 1-22: Theatre 99 presents *The Have Nots!*** The longest running show in Charleston! With 14 years and over 1,200 shows together, The Have Nots! (Timmy Finch, Brandy Sullivan and Greg Tavares, founders of Theatre 99) are ready for your audience suggestions. No scripts! All improv! Come see what all the talk is about. Theatre 99, 280 Meeting St. Dec. 1, 22 at 8p.m. Admission: \$12.50. For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 853-6687 and visit [www.theatre99.com](http://www.theatre99.com).

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**Dec 2: South of Broadway Theatre Company presents *A Merry Medieval Holiday Show*.** *A Merry Medieval Holiday Show* is a humorous journey through the early miracle plays of the Middle Ages. But, it doesn't stay there. The elegant olde English verse often veers into funny contemporary language that can blindsides the traditional characters into highly amusing, so-odd-it's-funny and just plain 'laugh out loud' situations. This is entertaining and unusual holiday fare where you can cheer the heroes and boo the villains. The show is entirely cast with Low Country youth ages 10-18. North Charleston Performing Arts Center, 5001 Coliseum Dr., N. Charleston. Dec. 2 at 4p.m. Admission: \$23-\$33; to purchase tickets, call (800) 745-3000 and visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). For more info, call (843) 745-0317 and visit [www.southofbroadway.com](http://www.southofbroadway.com).

**Dec. 5-19: Theatre 99 presents *Laugh for a Lincoln*.** 2 to 3 acts of hilarious improv comedy for just \$5. Yes, just 5 bucks! Theatre 99, 280 Meeting St. Dec. 5, 12, 19 at 8p.m. Admission: \$5. For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 853-6687 and visit [www.theatre99.com](http://www.theatre99.com).

**Dec. 6: Theatre 99 presents *Evan Berke & Friends*.** Evan Berke hosts collaborative comedy show just in time for finals week featuring stand-up comedy by Dusty Slay and Vince Fabra, and a special performance by Tiny Shorts Comedy. Theatre 99, 280 Meeting St. Dec. 6 at 8p.m. Admission: \$10/Advance, \$12/At the Door. For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 853-6687 and visit [www.theatre99.com](http://www.theatre99.com).

**Dec 6-16: The Flowertown Players presents *Old Timey Radio Christmas Comedy Show*.** Tune your ears back to the day of yesteryear as the Flowertown Players celebrates the Christmas Season with an original radio production. Filled with songs, sketches, sound effects and old-timey holiday cheer. James F. Dean Community Theatre, 133 S. Main St., Summerville. Dec. 6-8, 13-15 at 8p.m.; Dec. 8-9, 15-16 at 2p.m. Admission: \$20-\$25. For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 875-9251 and visit [www.flowertownplayers.org](http://www.flowertownplayers.org).

**Dec. 6-22: PURE Theatre presents *Judy's Scary Little Christmas*.** Judy Garland is primed for her biggest comeback ever—as the dazzling star of her own TV special, broadcast live on Christmas Eve, 1959. Judy's guests include Bing Crosby, Ethel Merman, and Liberace. Mysterious snafus behind the scenes and cameo appearances by Richard Nixon and blacklisted writer Lillian Hellman throw Judy's program off course. Dec. 6-8, 13-16, 20-22 at 7:30p.m. PURE Theatre, 477 King St. Admission: \$30/General; \$15/Student Rush with a valid ID. For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 723-4444 and visit [www.puretheatre.org](http://www.puretheatre.org).

**Dec. 7: Theatre 99 presents *Bingo Improv*.** Do you like playing Bingo and winning prizes? Do you like improv? If you do or if you don't, you've got to come and be a part of the newest show at Theatre 99. Audience members will receive Bingo cards and play along while Theatre 99 improvisers do hilarious unscripted scenes based on what number is called. This ain't your Grandmama's bingo! Theatre 99, 280 Meeting St. Dec. 7 at 8p.m. Admission: \$10. For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 853-6687 and visit [www.theatre99.com](http://www.theatre99.com).

**Dec. 7: Theatre 99 presents *This Is Chucktown!*** This is Chucktown! presents Charleston's best and funniest stand up comedians all in one night! You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll laugh at people crying! Theatre 99, 280 Meeting St. Dec. 7 at 10p.m. Admission: \$8. For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 853-6687 and visit [www.theatre99.com](http://www.theatre99.com).

**Dec 7: City of North Charleston Cultural Arts Department presents its Children's Theatre Series: Atlantic Coast Theatre for Youth production of *Hans Brinker and the Quick Silver Rocket*.** An exciting new musical based on the classic story of speed skating in Holland. Hans tries to skate to a new world record & bring a happy holiday to his mother in this show with endearing characters & fantastic songs. For grades K-8. Sterett Hall Auditorium at the old Navy base, 1530 7<sup>th</sup> St., N. Charleston. Dec. 7 at 10a.m. Admission: \$2. For more info, call (843) 740-5854 and visit [www.northcharleston.org](http://www.northcharleston.org).

**Dec 7-29: The Village Repertory Co. presents *The Man Who Came to Dinner*.** Village Rep is proud to open the brand new Woolfe Street Playhouse with this classic American comedy. While on his way to dinner at a suburban family's home, Sheridan Whiteside, an insufferably arrogant radio personality, accidentally falls and breaks his hip. A tumultuous six weeks of confinement follow, during which Whiteside monopolizes the living room and, along with an offbeat cast of characters who come to visit him, proceeds to drive his hosts round the bend! This hilariously witty satire, was a huge hit on Broadway as well as on the big screen! Woolfe Street Playhouse, 34 Woolfe St. Dec. 7-9, 13-15, 20-22, 28-29 at 7:30p.m.; Dec. 9, 16 at 3p.m. Admission: \$27/Adults, \$25/Seniors, \$20/Students, \$15/Kids. For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 856-1579 or (843) 670-6152 and visit [www.villagerep.com](http://www.villagerep.com).

**Dec. 8: Theatre 99 presents *Improv For The Kids*.** A common question we get here at Theatre is "Do you have any shows for kids?" Well, now we do! This one hour short form improv show is designed especially for kids ages 5 to 10 years old and the parents will get a kick out of it, too! This is a clean, family friendly show. Theatre 99, 280 Meeting St. Dec. 8 at 1p.m. Admission: \$5. For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 853-6687 and visit [www.theatre99.com](http://www.theatre99.com).



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**Dec 8-16: Charleston Stage presents: *Madeline's Christmas*.** We're off to Paris for this delightful musical adaptation of the children's classic *Madeline*. Madeline and her friends are off on adventures beyond their wildest dreams. Celebrate Christmas with a French accent this year. Joyeux Noël and Bonne Année! Dock Street Theatre, 135 Church St. Dec. 8, 15 at 3p.m.; Dec. 9, 16 at 7:30p.m. Admission: \$22.50/Adults, \$22.50/Seniors (60+)& Students (25 & under). For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 577-7183 and visit [www.charlestonstage.com](http://www.charlestonstage.com).

**Dec 8-22: Brad and Jennifer Moranz present *The Charleston Christmas Special*.** All new for 2012 and filled with traditional and contemporary favorites. Thursday, December 20th (7pm) is a Kids Free Night! Children under 12 get in free with purchase of one full paying adult or senior (*one child per paid adult or senior*). Charleston Music Hall, 37 John St. Dec. 8, 15, 22 at 2p.m.; Dec. 9, 16 at 3p.m.; Dec. 8, 13-15, 20-22 at 7p.m. Admission: \$16-\$34; to purchase tickets, call (800) 514-3849 and visit [www.etix.com](http://www.etix.com). For more info, call (843) 416-8453 and visit [www.bradandjennifermoranz.com](http://www.bradandjennifermoranz.com).

**Dec. 8-27: Theatre 99 presents *Blast Off?*** Members of the Theatre 99 company are always creating new shows. This is the showcase for them to try out these new shows in front of a crowd. Every rocket doesn't make it to space, but they all can try. 3, 2, 1.....? Theatre 99, 280 Meeting St. Dec. 8, 14 at 10p.m.; Dec. 27 at 8p.m. Admission: Pay What You Can; tickets only available at the door beginning 30 minutes before the show. For more info, call (843) 853-6687 and visit [www.theatre99.com](http://www.theatre99.com).

**Dec. 8-29: Theatre 99 presents *Improv Riot*.** Shows at Theatre 99 are improv parties where audience members laugh until it hurts. Come loaded with suggestions for the quick witted Theatre 99 ensemble members who will take your suggestions...and rock out hilarious unscripted scenes. Guaranteed to make you laugh! Theatre 99, 280 Meeting St. Dec. 8, 15, 29 at 8p.m. Admission: \$10. For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 853-6687 and visit [www.theatre99.com](http://www.theatre99.com).

**Dec. 10: Threshold Repertory Theatre presents *A Touring Christmas Carol*.** See the classic tale by Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*, and its dense cast of characters in a radically different way. Award winning theatre teacher and classical trained actor, George Younts will be presenting a one-man adaptation of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* for a Fifth Annual Goodwill Touraround South Carolina during the holiday season. Written and Performed by George Younts. Threshold Repertory Theatre, 84 1/2 Society St. Dec. 10 at 6:30p.m. For more info call (843) 277-2172 or go to [www.thresholdrep.org](http://www.thresholdrep.org).

**Dec 12-15: The Crabpot Players presents: Disney's "The Little Mermaid: The Musical."** Directed by Jimmy Ward. Join us and bring your family to enjoy the beloved classic "The Little Mermaid." Palmetto Hall at Wild Dunes Resort, 5757 Palms Blvd., Isle of Palms. Dec. 12-15 at 7:30p.m. Admission: \$15/General, \$12/Seniors, \$10/Children (under 10). For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 410-8886 and visit [www.crabpotplayers.com](http://www.crabpotplayers.com).

**Dec. 13-22: Theatre 99 presents a One Man Christmas Show - The Christmas Will Be Televised.** A One Man Version of Every Christmas Special You Have Ever Seen (almost). Andy is at his parent's house for their annual Christmas Eve party. It's one of those fun types of holiday parties with no music, no booze and dad reading chapters from the Bible. There is only one way not to run screaming from the house – immerse yourself in Christmas TV specials. Andy has watched every Christmas themed TV show and movie so many times he knows most of them by heart and he'll break them down for you. Oh yeah, this is a one man version of Charlie Brown, The Grinch, and Ebenezer Scrooge like you've never seen them before. Drop the kids off at grandma's because nothing's sacred in this high-energy romp through all of the holiday classics. Theatre 99, 280 Meeting St. Dec. 13, 20 at 8p.m., Dec. 22 at 10p.m. Admission: \$8. For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 853-6687 and visit [www.theatre99.com](http://www.theatre99.com).

**Dec. 14: Theatre 99 presents The Funny Bucket.** Funny improv games in a bucket can only mean one thing - Hilarity!! Theatre 99's newest show takes all of your favorite improv games and draws them randomly for a night guaranteed to make you laugh. The second act will be a long form improv set. BAM! Theatre 99, 280 Meeting St. Dec. 14 at 8p.m. Admission: \$10. For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 853-6687 and visit [www.theatre99.com](http://www.theatre99.com).

**Dec 18-19: Best of Broadway Series presents Westside Story.** From the first note to the final breath, WEST SIDE STORY soars as the greatest love story of all time and remains as powerful, poignant and timely as ever. The Bernstein and Sondheim score is considered to be one of Broadway's finest and features such classics of the American musical theatre as "Something's Coming," "Tonight," "America," "I Feel Pretty" and "Somewhere." North Charleston Performing Arts Center, 5001 Coliseum Dr., N. Charleston. Dec. 18-19 at 7:30p.m. Admission: \$32-\$62. For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 529-5050 and visit [www.coliseumpac.com](http://www.coliseumpac.com).

**Dec. 21: Theatre 99 presents *Mary Kay Has a Posse*.** Charleston's original all-female improv comedy group! Part talk show format (similar to The View), part long form improv, ALL funny! Bitingly witty, unpredictable, and politically incorrect the ladies of "Posse Talk" (Jennifer Buddin, Jessica Mickey, Camille Lowman and Brandy Sullivan) break all the rules. If you are easily offended or feel that a woman's place is in the kitchen, stay home. Theatre 99, 280 Meeting St. Dec. 21 at 10p.m. Admission: \$8. For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 853-6687 and visit [www.theatre99.com](http://www.theatre99.com).

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**Dec. 28: Theatre 99 presents *ImprovSmackdown!*** 50% game show! 50% sporting event! 100% good times! That's ImprovSmackdown in a nutshell. It's the hit improv show at Theatre 99 where you, the audience, are the judge! It's hilarious, exciting and based entirely on your audience suggestions. That's not all! At the end of ImprovSmackdown there is an intermission and the second act is a fast paced long form improv set! Theatre 99, 280 Meeting St. Dec. 28 at 8p.m. Admission: \$10. For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 853-6687 and visit [www.theatre99.com](http://www.theatre99.com).

**Dec. 29: Theatre 99 presents *Dusty Slay's Homegrown Stand-Up Showcase*.** These performers have made a name for themselves in the local area and want to put their skills on display for you. Come laugh with us! Theatre 99, 280 Meeting St. Dec. 29 at 10p.m. Admission: \$8. For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 853-6687 and visit [www.theatre99.com](http://www.theatre99.com).

**Dec. 31: The Black Fedora Comedy Mystery Theatre presents *Inspector No Clue's Murder Mystery Show*.** A Classic Comic Whodunit. None gathered to witness the reading of Mr. Body's will had any clue they could possibly come under suspicion of his murder! Nor could the real murderer have ever guessed that The Man in the Black Fedora would be in the house!! But when faced with a red-neck butler, a gold-digging maid, and a tie-dyed dude, can the man who's one part Bogart, one part Holmes, and two parts Clouseau ever hope to deduce Whodunit before Whodunit again? Come see the show Atlanta audiences have been laughing at for years. The Black Fedora Comedy Mystery Theatre, 164 Church St. Dec. 31 at 7:30p.m. Admission: \$24/Adults; \$22/College & Military. For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 937-6453 and visit [www.charlestonmysteries.com](http://www.charlestonmysteries.com).

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**Dec 6-8: Robert Ivey Ballet presents *Peter and the Wolf* and *The Angel Tree*.** The classic story told by music and dance. Young Peter has to help his friends and save the village from the big bad Wolf. Prokofiev's ever-popular children's classical ballet is presented under the artistic direction of Michael and Olga Wise. Sottile Theatre, 44 George St. Dec 6-7 at 9:30a.m. & 11am, Dec. 8 at 4p.m. Admission: \$15/Adults, \$10/Students & Seniors, \$5/Ages 12 & Under. For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 556-1343 and visit [www.robertyballet.net](http://www.robertyballet.net).

**Dec 8-9: Mt. Pleasant Performing Arts Company presents *The Nutcracker*.** Come enjoy the 8<sup>th</sup> annual production of The Nutcracker by the Mt. Pleasant Performing Arts Company. Charleston Southern University, Lightsey Chapel Auditorium, 9200 University Blvd., N. Charleston. Dec. 8 at 7p.m.; Dec. 9 at 3p.m. Admission: \$15/Advance, \$18/At the door. For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 971-7880 and visit [www.mpspa.com](http://www.mpspa.com).

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**Dec 8-22: Brad and Jennifer Moranz present *The Charleston Christmas Special*.** All new for 2012 and filled with traditional and contemporary favorites. Thursday, December 20th (7pm) is a Kids Free Night! Children under 12 get in free with purchase of one full paying adult or senior (*one child per paid adult or senior*). Charleston Music Hall, 37 John St. Dec. 8, 15, 22 at 2p.m.; Dec. 9, 16 at 3p.m.; Dec. 8, 13-15, 20-22 at 7p.m. Admission: \$16-\$34; to purchase tickets, call (800) 514-3849 and visit [www.etix.com](http://www.etix.com). For more info, call (843) 416-8453 and visit [www.bradandjennifermoranz.com](http://www.bradandjennifermoranz.com).

**Dec 15-16: Charleston Ballet Theatre presents *The Nutcracker*.** An enchanted Nutcracker doll magically comes to life to battle the Rat King and his band of mice and to protect his beloved, 1865 Charlestonian Marie Lowndes. A wonderful ballet for the entire family, The Nutcracker is the perfect way to ring in the holiday season and to introduce young children to the power and beauty of classical ballet. North Charleston Performing Arts Center, 5001 Coliseum Dr., N. Charleston. Dec. 15 at 2p.m. & 7:30p.m.; Dec. 16 at 3p.m. Admission: \$29-\$49; to purchase tickets, call (800) 745-3000 and visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). For more info, call (843) 723-7334 and visit [www.charlestonballet.org](http://www.charlestonballet.org).

**Dec 23: North Charleston Coliseum presents *Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker*.** Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker tells the beloved Christmas story of the girl who falls in love with a Nutcracker Prince - with Russian flair. Unique to Moscow Ballet productions, Russian folk characters Father Christmas and the Snow Maiden escort Masha (Clara) to the Land of Peace and Harmony where she and the Nutcracker Prince are honored by emissaries from heritages the world over; African, Russian, Asian, European and Hispanic. Set to Tchaikovsky's famous score, Moscow Ballet's production features lavish costumes, nine hand-painted backdrops with 3-D ornamentation and fanciful, larger-than-life puppets designed by a Russian master. North Charleston Performing Arts Center, 5001 Coliseum Dr., N. Charleston. Dec. 23 at 3p.m. & 7p.m. Admission: \$29.50-\$89.50. For more info, call (843) 529-5000 and visit [www.coliseumpac.com](http://www.coliseumpac.com).



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## VISUAL ARTS

**Through Dec. 8: The Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art presents *Don ZanFagna: Pulse Dome*.** This exhibition will present a series of paintings, drawings, sketchbooks, and 3-D models by Don ZanFagna that explicate the futuristic concept of “growing your own house.” Conceived in the 1970s, the artist imagined a home created, constructed, and maintained by all-organic processes and in perfect harmony with nature. The Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art, Marion and Wayland H. Cato Jr. Center for the Arts, 161 Calhoun St., 1st Fl. Oct. 26-Dec. 8, open Mon.-Sat. from 11a.m.-4p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 953-4422 and visit [www.halsey.cofc.edu](http://www.halsey.cofc.edu).

**Through Dec. 30: Gibbes Museum of Art presents *Sound and Vision: Monumental Rock and Roll Photography*.** This exhibition features the iconic leaders of rock and roll, blues, and hip-hop—distinctly American forms of music with Southern roots—in images taken over the past five decades by the foremost photographers of contemporary musicians. Gibbes Museum, 135 Meeting St. Through Dec. 30, open Tues.-Sat. from 10a.m.-5p.m., Sun. 1-5p.m. Admission: Free/Members and children under 6, \$9/Adults; \$7/Seniors, Students, Military; \$5/Youth (ages 6-12). For more info, call (843) 722-2706 and visit [www.gibbesmuseum.org](http://www.gibbesmuseum.org).

**Through Dec. 30: Gibbes Museum of Art presents an exhibit of works by *Willard Hirsch, sculptor*.** As Charleston’s premier sculptor of the 20th century, this exhibition examines the body of work Willard Hirsch developed over the course of his fifty-year career. Gibbes Museum, 135 Meeting St. Through Dec. 30, open Tues.-Sat. from 10a.m.-5p.m., Sun. 1-5p.m. Admission: Free/Members and children under 6, \$9/Adults; \$7/Seniors, Students, Military; \$5/Youth (ages 6-12). For more info, call (843) 722-2706 and visit [www.gibbesmuseum.org](http://www.gibbesmuseum.org).

**Through Dec. 31: North Charleston Cultural Arts Department presents *Lowcountry Reflections by Lisa Graves*.** Local artist Lisa Graves will feature a collection of landscapes and seascapes inspired by her travels throughout the Lowcountry in her exhibit *Lowcountry Reflections*. The Meeting Place, 1077 East Montague Ave., N. Charleston. Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 554-5700.

**Through Mar. 24: National Outdoor Sculpture Competition and Exhibition.** The seventh annual National Outdoor Sculpture Competition and Exhibition is currently installed at the stunning North Charleston Riverfront Park. The eleven month exhibition features twelve established and emerging artists displaying imaginative and thought provoking large-scale sculpture. Visitors can enjoy the sculpture displays among ten acres of walking paths, a fishing pier, boardwalk, an oversized sandbox and children’s play area. For more information call (843)740-5854.

**Dec. 6-Jan. 12: Redux Contemporary Art Center presents *Reorientation Five: Works by Redux Studio Artists*.** The annual juried exhibition highlights the work of Redux's private studio, print shop, and darkroom artists. During the opening reception, Redux will hold an open studio session so that viewers can visit Redux studio spaces. This year's visiting juror is Jon Swindler, an Assistant Professor in the Lamar Dodd School of Art at the University of Georgia where he teaches courses in Printmaking and Book Arts. Swindler holds a BFA from Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas an MFA at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. Redux Contemporary Art Center, 136 St. Philip St. Dec. 6-Jan. 12, open Tues.-Thurs. from 10a.m.-6p.m., Fri. 12-7p.m., Sat. 12-5p.m. (closed major holidays). Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 722-0697 and visit [www.reduxstudios.org](http://www.reduxstudios.org).

**Dec 7: Courtyard Gallery presents *First Friday Reception with featured artist, Carole Carberry*.** Watercolors and Printmaking. Courtyard Gallery, 149 ½ East Bay St. Dec. 7 from 5-8p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 723-9172.



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## CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

**Through Dec 10: Lowcountry Senior Center presents a class on *Watercolors*.** Learn the basic watercolor technique. Explore light, shadow, and color. This class is for all levels. Beginners are encouraged. Led by artist Charles Parnelle. A supply list is available at the front desk. Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 and Dec. 3, 10 from 1-3p.m. Cost: \$50/Members, \$55/Non-Members. Lowcountry Senior Center, 865 Riverland Dr., James Island. For more info, call (843) 762-9555 and visit [www.lowcountryseniorcenter.org](http://www.lowcountryseniorcenter.org).

**Through Dec. 12: Gibbes Museum of Art presents *Art of the Ancient World with Professor Steve Gavel: Greek Art from Archaic to Alexander the Great*.** This course will be taught in four 3-week sessions, and will cover four distinct periods of ancient world art production. Dr. Gavel will employ a global approach when discussing artifacts and the techniques developed by craftsmen and artisans. High quality digital images will be used to illustrate and inform the discussion. Dr. Gavel holds a Ph.D. in art history from the University of Virginia. He has lectured widely and has taught numerous courses at the University of Virginia and the College of Charleston. Gibbes Museum of Art, 135 Meeting St. Nov. 28 and Dec. 5, 12 from 5:30-7p.m. Cost: \$75/Members, \$100/Non-Members.

**Through Dec 14: Lowcountry Senior Center presents a class in *Oil Painting*.** Learn oil painting with limited and wide range palette color mixing, blending color balance, and color theory perspective. Led by artist Charles Parnelle. A supply list is available at the front desk. Lowcountry Senior Center, 865 Riverland Dr., James Island. Nov. 2, 9, 16 and Dec. 7, 14 from 10a.m.-12p.m. Cost: \$50/Members, \$55/Non-Members. For more info, call (843) 762-9555 and visit [www.lowcountryseniorcenter.org](http://www.lowcountryseniorcenter.org).

**Through Dec. 17: Flowertown Players presents: *Acting Techniques* - Ages 14-Adult (4 weeks)** Instructor: John Black. Acting Techniques introduces students to contemporary methods in auditioning, character development, and scene study. Mondays Nov 26-Dec 17 from 7-8p.m. Cost: \$60/student/session. For more information visit [www.flowertownplayers.org](http://www.flowertownplayers.org).

**Through Dec. 19: The Flowertown Players presents *Taking the Stage - Introduction to Community Theatre*.** Ages 8-18 (4 weeks) Instructor: Charmaine Wozniak. In Taking the Stage, actors will be introduced to the nuts and bolts of theatre and acting: stage terminology, how to present well during auditions, and understanding basic character development. Classes will include theatre games and exercises that will supplement and reinforce each session's topics. James F. Dean Theatre, 133 South Main St., Summerville. 29483. Nov. 28 and Dec. 5, 12, 19 from 4-5p.m. Cost: \$60/Student/Session. For more info, visit [www.flowertownplayers.org](http://www.flowertownplayers.org).



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**Through Jan 9: Lowcountry Senior Center presents *Who Are You? Life Stories*.** Explore who you are, how you came to be, and leave a written legacy recording life's memories. For all levels and no writing experience is needed. This ongoing six-week course is led by creative writing instructor, Lisa Chewning. Lowcountry Senior Center, 865 Riverland Dr., James Island. Nov. 28 and Dec. 5, 12, 19 and Jan. 2, 9 from 9:30-11:30a.m. Cost: \$27/Members, \$30/Non-Members. For more info, call (843) 762-9555 and visit [www.lowcountryseniorcenter.org](http://www.lowcountryseniorcenter.org).

**Dec. 1: Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission presents *Family Artisan Series: Pine Needle Baskets*.** Turn the needles from our native Longleaf Pine into a beautiful and useful work of art. As we coil and weave we'll discuss ecology, historical uses, and the decline of Longleaf Pine forests. Let nature provide inspiration for your next masterpiece. We provide all materials. For ages 8 & up; a registered and paid chaperone is required for participants ages 15 and under. Caw Caw Interpretive Center, 5200 Savannah Hwy., Ravenel. Dec. 1 from 10a.m.-12p.m. (pre-registration required). Cost: \$10/Non-CCR, \$8/CCR. For more info and to register, call (843) 795-4386 and visit [www.ccprc.com](http://www.ccprc.com).

**Dec. 1: Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission presents *Carolina Gullah Geechee*.** Explore Charleston's African heritage through language, foodways, a walk through former rice fields, and more. For ages 9 & up; a registered and paid chaperone is required for participants ages 15 and under. Palmetto Islands County Park, 444 Needlerush Parkway, Mt. Pleasant. Dec. 1 from 10-11:30a.m. (pre-registration required). Cost: \$9/Non-CCR, \$7/CCR. For more info and to register, call (843) 795-4386 and visit [www.ccprc.com](http://www.ccprc.com).

**Dec 1: The Charleston Museum presents *Knitting Workshop: Vintage Holiday Lace Bag*.** Looking for a beautiful last-minute handmade gift idea? Need a breathtaking accessory for a holiday party? Join us as we make this quick, vintage-inspired bag. If you know how to knit and purl, instructor Tamara Goff can show you how to create a lacy masterpiece for yourself or someone on your gift list. We will even have some tasty holiday treats to inspire our knitting! Charleston Museum, 360 Meeting St. Dec. 1 from 9:30a.m.-12p.m. Admission: \$20/Members, \$25/Non-Members. For more info and to register, visit [www.charlestonmuseum.org](http://www.charlestonmuseum.org).

**Dec. 3-17: Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission presents *Ice Carving Demonstration (weather permitting) as part of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Festival of Lights*.** James Island County Park, 861 Riverland Dr., James Island. Dec. 3, 9, 17 from 6-10p.m. Admission: Free with paid park entry. For more info, call (843) 795-4386 and visit [www.holidayfestivaloflights.com](http://www.holidayfestivaloflights.com).

**Dec. 5-19: Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission presents *Family Craft Tent* as part of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Festival of Lights.**

James Island County Park, 861 Riverland Dr., James Island. Dec. 5, 12, 19 from 5:30-8:30p.m. Admission: Free with paid park entry. For more info, call (843) 795-4386 and visit [www.holidayfestivaloflights.com](http://www.holidayfestivaloflights.com).

**Dec. 7-14: Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission presents *Ask a Naturalist* as part of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Festival of Lights.**

James Island County Park, 861 Riverland Dr., James Island. Dec. 7 & 14 from 5:30-7p.m. Admission: Free with paid park entry. For more info, call (843) 795-4386 and visit [www.holidayfestivaloflights.com](http://www.holidayfestivaloflights.com).

**Dec. 8: Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission presents *Carolina Rice*.**

Examine the legacy behind rice production; early South Carolina's most profitable and influential industry. For ages 9 & up; a registered and paid chaperone is required for participants ages 15 and under. Palmetto Islands County Park, 444 Needlerush Parkway, Mt. Pleasant. Dec. 8 from 10-11:30a.m. (pre-registration required). Cost: \$9/Non-CCR, \$7/CCR. For more info and to register, call (843) 795-4386 and visit [www.ccprc.com](http://www.ccprc.com).

**Dec. 8: Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission presents *Family Artisan Series: Taper Candle Dipping*.**

Make hand-dipped candles under the oaks at Caw Caw Interpretive Center. We'll use beeswax and other natural materials as we discuss the history of the site. For ages 8 & up; a registered and paid chaperone is required for participants ages 15 and under. Caw Caw Interpretive Center, 5200 Savannah Hwy., Ravenel. Dec. 8 from 10a.m.-12p.m. (pre-registration required). Cost: \$10/Non-CCR, \$8/CCR. For more info and to register, call (843) 795-4386 and visit [www.ccprc.com](http://www.ccprc.com).

**Dec. 15: Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission presents *Family Artisan Series: Fire and Clay*.**

Since the dawn of time, humans have been captivated by the beauty of both fire and jewelry. Warm yourself by the fire and learn how to turn lumps of clay into decorative beads. Let nature provide inspiration for your next masterpiece. We provide all materials. For ages 8 & up; a registered and paid chaperone is required for participants ages 15 and under. Caw Caw Interpretive Center, 5200 Savannah Hwy., Ravenel. Dec. 15 from 10a.m.-12p.m. (pre-registration required). Cost: \$10/Non-CCR, \$8/CCR. For more info and to register, call (843) 795-4386 and visit [www.ccprc.com](http://www.ccprc.com).

**Dec 15: Charleston Academy of Music presents *A Vocal Workshop with Ann Caldwell*.** Ann Caldwell, vocalist and performing artist, shares her love for various kinds of music and illustrates what makes one genre of music different from another. Ann, along with accompanist Richard Harris White, Jr. will sing recognizable tunes from styles that include: spirituals, country, gospel, blues, jazz and more! Charleston Academy of Music, 189 Rutledge Ave. Dec 15 at 2p.m. Admission: \$10; (advance registration required by emailing [cam746@yahoo.com](mailto:cam746@yahoo.com)). For more info, call (843) 805-7794 and visit [www.charlestonmusic.org](http://www.charlestonmusic.org).

**Dec. 21-31: Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission presents *Winter Explorers Camp*.** This camp introduces children to the beauty of their county parks. They'll spend their day doing arts and crafts, playing cooperative games, roasting s'mores, scaling the Climbing Wall, exploring nature, or taking a day trip. For ages 6-9 James Island County Park, 861 Riverland Dr., James Island. Dec. 21, 26-28, 31 from 8a.m.-5p.m. (pre-registration required). Cost: \$34/Non-CCR, \$28/CCR. For more info and to register, call (843) 795-4386 and visit [www.ccprc.com](http://www.ccprc.com).

**Dec. 22: Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission presents *Carolina Blues*.** Come experiment with Carolina Indigo and examine the history behind the dye that starts off emerald green then changes to brilliant blue. For ages 9 & up; a registered and paid chaperone is required for participants ages 15 and under. Please note this program includes a fun tie dyeing activity. Each participant should bring a 100% cotton cloth item to dye. Caw Caw Interpretive Center, 5200 Savannah Hwy., Ravenel. Dec. 22 from 10-11a.m. (pre-registration required). Cost: \$9/Non-CCR, \$7/CCR. For more info and to register, call (843) 795-4386 and visit [www.ccprc.com](http://www.ccprc.com).

**Dec. 26-28: St. Andrew's Parks and Playground presents *Remix Winter Camp*.** Enjoy the same fun activities from Summer Camp in December! We keep the kids moving and having fun. Activities include swimming, field trips, games, arts and crafts, and more. Ages 5-12. Camp enrollment minimums must be met. St. Andrew's Parks Gym, 1095 Playground Rd., West Ashley. Dec. 26-28 from 7:30a.m.-6p.m. (must register by Dec. 18). Cost: \$75 NPSD/\$70 PSD. For more info, call (843) 225-9612 ext. 1 and visit [www.standrewsparks.com](http://www.standrewsparks.com).

**Dec. 26-28: St. Andrew's Parks and Playground presents *Half and Half Winter Camp*.** Just like our summer favorite, we combine video games and exercise to make a fun and exciting camp any child would love. Ages 8-14. Camp enrollment minimums must be met. Space is limited! St. Andrew's Gym, 1095 Playground Rd., West Ashley. Dec. 26-28 from 7:30a.m.-6p.m. (must register by Dec. 18). Cost: \$110 NPSD/\$100 PSD. For more info, call (843) 225-9612 ext. 1 and visit [www.standrewsparks.com](http://www.standrewsparks.com).

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## TOURS

**Through Dec. 11: The Charleston Museum presents *Holiday Dining & Entertaining Tours at the Heyward-Washington House*.** Catch the holiday spirit at The Charleston Museum's Heyward-Washington House. Special 18th Century Wining & Dining focus tours will feature elaborate table settings and period appropriate faux food throughout the various entertaining spaces within the house. Tour the c. 1740 kitchen building and learn about open hearth cooking. Visit the laundry area, servants' quarters, and auxiliary kitchen herb garden. Heyward-Washington House, 87 Church St. Nov. 27 and Dec. 4, 11 at 4p.m. Admission: Free for Museum members and Free with admission (\$10/Adults, \$5/Children, Free/Children under 3). For more info, visit [www.charlestonmuseum.org](http://www.charlestonmuseum.org).

**Dec. 3-12: St. Andrew's Parks and Playground presents *Holiday Festival of Lights Trip*.** Want to go to see the beautiful lights at James Island Park but don't want to drive? Ride with us! St. Andrew's Parks and Playground, 1095 Playground Rd., West Ashley. Dec. 3 & 12, bus leaves promptly at 5:30p.m. (must register by Nov. 29 & Dec. 10). Cost: \$5. For more info, call (843) 225-9612 ext. 1 and visit [www.standrewsparks.com](http://www.standrewsparks.com).

**Dec. 5: Gibbes Museum of Art presents the *Lower King Street Antique Walk, A Stroll in Search of the Perfect Treasure*** led by interior designer Kathleen Rivers, and fine and decorative art appraisers Elizabeth Ryan and George Read. Participants will gather at the Gibbes. Gibbes Museum of Art, 135 Meeting St. Dec. 5 at 6p.m. Admission: \$20/Members, \$30/Non-Members (wine and cheese along the way). For more info and to purchase tickets, call (843) 722-2706 ext. 21 and visit [www.gibbesmuseum.org/events](http://www.gibbesmuseum.org/events).

**Dec 7: French Quarter presents its *Quarterly Art Walk*.** Stroll the cobbled streets and gas lit alley ways to discover the works of well over 500 artists representing a diverse variety of styles and mediums, from traditional to contemporary. The French Quarter is located between S. Market and Tradd Sts. Dec. 7 from 5-8p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, visit [www.frenchquarterarts.com](http://www.frenchquarterarts.com).

**Dec. 12-19: The Charleston Museum presents *Christmas Traditions Tour at the Joseph Manigault House*.** Every year, the Garden Club of Charleston decorates the Joseph Manigault House for the holidays. Join Chief Interpreter Melanie Wilson to tour the beautifully decorated Adam-style house and learn about the Christmas meals, songs, games and stories enjoyed by the Joseph Manigault Family, as well as other Christmas traditions that would have been popular during the antebellum era. Joseph Manigault House, 350 Meeting St. Dec. 12, 19 at 4p.m. Admission: Free for Museum members and Free with admission (\$10/Adults, \$5/Children, Free/Children under 3). For more info, visit [www.charlestonmuseum.org](http://www.charlestonmuseum.org).

**Dec. 15: Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission presents *Explore Your Parklands: Laurel Hill Plantation*.** Pre-registration is required for this program. Amid increasing development east of the Cooper River, over 700 acres of natural beauty have been preserved adjacent to Park West. From the ruins of the old plantation home to the surrounding forests, this property provides a peek into 18th and 19th century life in East Cooper. For ages 9 & up; a registered and paid chaperone is required for participants ages 15 and under. Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission, 861 Riverland Dr., James Island. Dec. 15 from 1-4:30p.m. Cost: \$15/Non-CCR, \$12/CCR. For more info and to register, call (843) 795-4386 and visit [www.ccprc.com](http://www.ccprc.com).

**Dec. 17: St. Andrew's Parks and Playground presents *Holiday Lights on the River*.** St. Andrew's will be taking a bus trip to Columbia to see the Saluda Shoals Park "Holiday Lights on the River" and enjoy the "Nights of Wonders." Attractions include: Red-Nose Express Hayride, the Saluda Shoals Choo-Choo, concessions, crafts to make & take home, roasting marshmallows and a visit with Santa. Activities have a nominal fee. Holiday Lights on the River is a magical experience you won't want to miss! Dinner and hot chocolate included! Please dress appropriately. Children under 16 must have a parent present on the trip. St. Andrew's Parks and Playground, 1095 Playground Rd., West Ashley. Dec. 17 from 3:30-10p.m., bus leaves promptly at 3:30p.m. (must register by Dec. 13). Cost: \$10/Per person. For more info, call (843) 225-9612 ext. 1 and visit [www.standrewspark.com](http://www.standrewspark.com).

**Ongoing: The American Military Museum.** American Military Museum, 2070 Sam Rittenberg Blvd., Ste. 216, inside Citadel Mall, West Ashley. Open Mon.-Sat. 10a.m.-6p.m.; Sun. 1-5p.m. Admission is \$7/Adults, \$5/Seniors 55+/Veterans and Spouse/Drilling NG/Res/Spouse, \$3/Student 13-18 or any current student ID; \$2/Children 6-12; Free/Active Duty & Spouses. For more info, call (843) 577-7000 and visit [www.americanmilitarymuseum.org](http://www.americanmilitarymuseum.org).

**Ongoing: Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture at the College of Charleston.** Offers tours of the building and museum galleries. 125 Bull St. Mon-Fri 10:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 3:30pm; Sat. 12:30p.m., 1:30p.m., 2:30p.m., 3:30p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 953-7609 or visit [www.cofc.edu/avery](http://www.cofc.edu/avery).

**Ongoing: Boone Hall Plantation.** Presentations that cannot be found on any other plantations in the area are part of what helps make Boone Hall unique. However, these shows are seasonal so check in advance for performance dates and times. Boone Hall Plantation, 1235 Long Point Rd., Mt. Pleasant. Admission: \$17.50/Adults; \$15/Seniors, Military, and AAA members; \$7.50/Children 6-12; Free/Children 5 and under. For more info, call (843) 884-4371 and visit [www.boonehallplantation.com](http://www.boonehallplantation.com).

**Ongoing: Cabbage Row.** The section of Church Street used as the inspiration for “Catfish Row” in the Dubose Heyward story, “Porgy.” This story was the basis for Gershwin’s opera “Porgy and Bess,” which is a fictionalized glimpse of black life during the 1920’s. The character “Porgy” was based on an actual Charlestonian, Samuel Smalls. Church St. at Tradd St. Admission: Free. For more info, call (800) 868-8118.

**Ongoing: Charles Pinckney National Historic Site.** Charles Pinckney, a principal author and signer of the U.S. Constitution, owned seven plantations. Enslaved Africans and African-Americans on Lowcountry plantations developed a unique culture known collectively today as “Gullah.” Gullah people made significant contributions not only to the Lowcountry plantation system but also to American culture in general. Charles Pinckney National Historic Site, 1254 Long Point Rd. Mt. Pleasant. Open daily, 9a.m.-5p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 881-5516 and visit [www.nps.gov/chpi](http://www.nps.gov/chpi).

**Ongoing: Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site.** Cannons boom. Muskets bark. Interpretive rangers in 17th century dress tend heirloom crops. They’re all part of the “new” Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site. Here a group of English settlers landed in 1670 and established what would become the birthplace of the Carolinas colony, the plantation system of the American South, and one of the continent’s first major port cities. And here the story is still told. Opened in 1970 as Charles Towne Landing State Park, the peaceful park on a marshy point off the Ashley River was rebuilt in 2006 with a sharpened focus on the site’s remarkable past. Begin with the 12-room, interactive museum in the Visitors Center that includes a “digital dig.” Then walk the self-guided history trail, using the MP3 players that add an audio tour to the experience. Admire the Adventure, a full-size replica sailing ship built onsite, and the authentic experimental crop garden. Talk to archaeologists at work. And leave time for the Animal Forest natural habitat zoo and 80 acres of gardens that includes an elegant live oak alle’ and the Legare-Waring House. Charles Towne Landing, 1500 Old Towne Rd. Open daily from 9a.m.-5p.m. Admission: \$7.50/Adults; \$3.75/SC senior citizens; \$3.50/Students (ages 6-15), Free/Children (age 5 and under). For more info, call (843) 852-4200 and visit [www.charlestownelanding.travel](http://www.charlestownelanding.travel).

**Ongoing: Charleston City Hall Council Chamber.** The 2nd oldest Council Chamber in continuous use in the U.S., contains 27 black walnut desks made in 1818. The two chandeliers, originally lit with gas, date back to 1850. Above the main floor is a Visitors’ Gallery encircled by a bowed cast iron railing. Exposed earthquake rods are incorporated into the design of the hand-painted tin paneled ceiling, the perimeter of which contains the original 1896 Thomas Edison light bulbs that burned in the room until 1983. The Chamber also serves as an art gallery displaying a priceless collection of original oil portraits of figures important to state and national history, including likenesses of four U.S. Presidents. Charleston City Hall, 80 Broad St. Open Mon.-Fri. from 8:30a.m.-5p.m. Admission: Free. For more info, call (843) 724-3727 and visit [www.charleston-sc.gov](http://www.charleston-sc.gov).

**Ongoing: The Charleston Museum.** America's first museum showcases cultural and natural history of South Carolina's coastal region. Enjoy the rich variety of exhibited objects ranging from ancient fossils and an enormous whale skeleton to Civil War artifacts and historic Charleston silver. Charleston Museum, 360 Meeting St. Mon.-Sat. 9a.m.-5p.m.; Sun. 1-5p.m. Admission: \$10/Adults; \$5/Children 3-12; Free/Children under 3. For more info, call (843) 722-2996 and visit [www.charlestonmuseum.org](http://www.charlestonmuseum.org).

**Ongoing: Children's Museum of the Lowcountry.** The mission of the Children's Museum of the Lowcountry is to spark the love of learning in all children. Through interactive, interdisciplinary, hands-on environments and experiences with the arts, sciences and humanities, children will develop creative thinking and problem solving skills, and a belief in their own potential. Children's Museum of the Lowcountry, 25 Ann St. Open Tues.-Sat. from 9a.m.-5p.m., Sun. from 1-5p.m. Admission: \$7/Adults & Children; Free/Members & Children under 1. For more info, call (843) 853-8962 and visit [www.explorecmi.org](http://www.explorecmi.org).

**Ongoing: Confederate Museum.** 188 Meeting St., corner of Meeting and Market St. Open Tues.- Sat. from 11a.m.-3:30p.m. Admission: \$5/Adults and Teens; \$3/Children 6-12; Free/Children under 6. Donations are always welcome. For more info, visit [www.csa-scla.org](http://www.csa-scla.org) and call (843) 723-1541.

**Ongoing: Drayton Hall. A National Historic Landmark and a property of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.** Built in 1738, it is the oldest and finest colonial plantation house in Charleston. It is the only plantation that survived the Civil War intact. It is noted for its hand-carved woodwork and plasterwork. After seven generations, the Revolutionary and Civil wars, and numerous hurricanes and earthquakes, the main house remains in nearly original condition. Drayton Hall, 3380 Ashley River Rd. Open daily from 8:30a.m.-5p.m. Admission: \$15/Adults; \$8/Youth ages 12-18; \$6/Children ages 6-11; Free/Children under 5. For more info, call (843) 769-2605 and visit [www.draytonhall.org](http://www.draytonhall.org).

**Ongoing: Edmondston-Alston House presents *Secessionists, Soldiers and Slaves: The Alston Family's Civil War*.** A witness to history, the Edmondston-Alston is an important site in Charleston's Civil War saga. It served as the site General Beauregard used to watch the Bombardment of Fort Sumter and a refuge for General Robert E. Lee during the Great Fire of 1861. Using the family archives and collections of Middleton Place Foundation, each year of war will be viewed through the lens of the Alston family including first hand accounts of the battle for Morris Island and defense of Battery Wagner which ultimately resulted in the death of an Alston son. January 1, 2011-December 31, 2015; Guided tours available Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun. 1:30-4:30 p.m.; Mon. 1-4:30 p.m. Closed Christmas Day. Edmondston-Alston House, 21 East Battery. For more info, call (843) 722-7171 and visit [www.middletonplace.org/](http://www.middletonplace.org/)

**Ongoing: Fort Sumter Harbor Cruise and Tour by Spiritline Cruises.** Fort Sumter is the Island Fort where the Civil War began. Experience a narrated cruise through Charleston's historic harbor out to Fort Sumter. Listen to historians as they talk about the fort's pivotal role in the War Between the States. Visit the museum and gift shop during your trip, and then enjoy a one hour harbor tour before returning to shore. Ongoing, tours depart at various times daily from Liberty Square at Aquarium Wharf, 360 Concord St., and Patriots Point, 40 Patriots Point Rd., Mt. Pleasant. Admission: \$16/Adults; \$14.50/Seniors; \$10/Child (6-11); Free/Child (Under 6). For more info, call (800) 789-3678.

**Ongoing: Fort Sumter Monument & Museum.** The National Park Service presents tours of Fort Sumter, located on an island in Charleston harbor. The concession-operated ferry leaves from two locations: Liberty Square, 340 Concord St., and Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum, 40 Patriots Point Rd., Mt. Pleasant. For ferry departure times, visit the concessionaire's website at [www.fortsumter-tours.com](http://www.fortsumter-tours.com). For more info, call (843) 883-3123 and visit [www.nps.gov/fosu/](http://www.nps.gov/fosu/).

**Ongoing: Hampton Plantation.** Offers historic house museum tours, interpreting colonial architecture and rice plantation life. 1950 Rutledge Rd, McClellanville. Admission to the grounds is Free; house admission fee is \$4/Adults; \$2.50/SC Seniors; \$3/Child or Youth age 6-15. Grounds open daily from 9a.m.-6p.m. The mansion is open for tours Sat. through Tues. at 1p.m., 2p.m. & 3p.m. For more info, visit [www.southcarolinaparks.com](http://www.southcarolinaparks.com).

**Ongoing: Heyward-Washington House and Joseph Manigault House.** Charleston Museum presents tours of the historic Heyward-Washington House and Joseph Manigault House. Charleston Museum, 360 Meeting St. Open Mon.-Sat. from 10a.m.-5p.m.; Sun. from 1-5p.m. The last tour each day is at 4:30p.m. Admission: \$10/Adults; \$5/Children 3-12; Free/Members. For more info, call (843) 722-2996 and visit [www.charlestonmuseum.org](http://www.charlestonmuseum.org).



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**Ongoing: The Hunley.** On the night of February 17, 1864, the H.L. Hunley embarked on a dangerous mission that would forever mark her place in history. Eight men, led by Lt. George Dixon, entered an experimental vessel that was to become the first successful submarine in world history, with a mission to sink an enemy ship, the USS Housatonic. That night, the Hunley rammed her spar torpedo into the hull of the Housatonic. She then surfaced long enough for her crew to signal their comrades on the shore of Sullivan's Island with a blue magnesium light, (or lantern) indicating a successful mission. The shore crew stoked their signal fires and anxiously awaited the Hunley's safe return. But minutes after her historic achievement, the Hunley and all hands onboard vanished into the sea without a trace. Warren Lasch Conservation Center, 1250 Supply St. (on the old Charleston Naval Base), North Charleston. Tours on Sat. from 10a.m.-5p.m., Sun. from 12-5p.m. Admission: \$12/Adults; \$10/Seniors, Military, and Members; Free/Children under 5; order in person, at [www.etix.com](http://www.etix.com) or call (877) 448-6539. For more info, call (843) 743-4865 ext. 10 and visit [www.hunley.org](http://www.hunley.org).

**Ongoing: Middleton Place.** A National Historic Landmark and a carefully preserved 18th-century plantation that has survived revolution, Civil War, and earthquakes. It was the home of four important generations of Middleton's, beginning with Henry Middleton, President of the First Continental Congress; Arthur, a signer of the Declaration of Independence; Henry, Governor of South Carolina and an American Minister to Russia; and Williams, a signer of the Ordinance of Secession. Visitors are invited to tour the Gardens, the House Museum, and the Plantation Stable Yards. Middleton Place, 4300 Ashley River Rd., West Ashley. Admission: \$25-45/Adults; \$5-30/Children. For more info, call (800) 782-3608 and visit [www.middletonplace.org](http://www.middletonplace.org).

**Ongoing: Middleton Place Foundation** presents *Secessionists, Soldiers and Slaves: the Middleton Family's Civil War*. The Middleton Place House Museum and the Edmondston-Alston House will mount special changing exhibits commemorating American Civil War sesquicentennial anniversaries on a year-by-year basis and follow the lives of the Middleton family, Alston family, friends and slaves. Using personal letters, first-hand accounts and collections of the Middleton Place Foundation, the war will be viewed through the lens of the Middleton and Alston families as Secession and early war optimism turns slowly into defeat. January 1, 2011- December 31, 2015; Open daily at 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Christmas Day. Middleton Place, 4300 Ashley River Rd., West Ashley. Admission: \$25/Adults; \$15/Students (14+ with student ID); \$10/Child (6-13); Free/Child (Under 5). For more info contact The Middleton Place Foundation: (843) 566-6020, or visit [www.middletonplace.org/](http://www.middletonplace.org/).

**Ongoing: Nathaniel Russell House and Aiken-Rhett House.** Historic Charleston Foundation offers tours of the historic Nathaniel Russell House and Aiken-Rhett House. Open Mon.-Sat. from 10a.m.-5p.m., Sun. from 2-5p.m. Nathaniel Russell House, 51 Meeting St. and Aiken-Rhett House, 48 Elizabeth St. Admission: \$10/one site; \$16/both sites. Admission may be purchased at either site. For more info, call (843) 723-1159 and visit [www.historiccharleston.org](http://www.historiccharleston.org).

**Ongoing: The Old Exchange & Provost Dungeon.** A 'must-see' for all Charleston visitors. During your visit, you will discover this building's integral role in our country's quest for independence and its important service to our young nation. Owned by the South Carolina Society of the Daughters of American Revolution, the Old Exchange offers public tours of its three floors that highlight various aspects of Charleston history during the Colonial and Revolutionary eras and put into context the people and events of the period. Old Exchange Building, 122 East Bay St. Open daily Mon.-Fri. from 9a.m.-5p.m. Admission: \$7/Adults, \$3.50/Children ages 7-12, \$3.50/Students, Free/Children 6 and under accompanied by an adult; group rates and other discounts available. For more info, call (843) 727-2165 and visit [www.oldexchange.com](http://www.oldexchange.com).

**Ongoing: The Old Slave Mart Museum.** Learn the story of Charleston's role in this inter-state slave trade by focusing on the history of this particular building and site and the slave sales that occurred here. Old Slave Mart Museum, 6 Chalmers St. Open Mon.-Sat. from 9a.m.-5p.m. Admission: \$7/Adults; \$5/Seniors, Students, and Children over 5; Free/Children 5 and under. For more info, call (843) 958-6467 and visit [www.nps.gov/nr/travel/charleston/osm.htm](http://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/charleston/osm.htm).

**Ongoing: Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum.** Features the USS Yorktown, Planes & Flight Deck tours, USS Laffey, USS Clamagore, USS Ingham, Congressional Medal of Honor Museum, Vietnam Support Base, and the Cold War Memorial. Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum, 40 Patriot's Point Rd, Mt. Pleasant. Admission: \$16/Adults 12 and over; \$13/Seniors and Active Duty Military with ID; \$9/Children 6-11; Free/Children under 6 with adult admission and Active Duty Military in Uniform; Parking is \$3/all day. Open daily from 9a.m.-6:30p.m. For more info, call (843) 881-5984 and visit [www.patriotspoint.org](http://www.patriotspoint.org).

**Ongoing: The Powder Magazine.** South Carolina's oldest public building, The Powder Magazine (circa 1713), served as an arsenal within the old walled city of Charleston. Interact with historians and see museum exhibits that relate to Charleston's colonial and American Revolution history. The Powder Magazine, 79 Cumberland St. Open Mon.-Sat. from 10a.m.-4p.m.; Sun. from 1-4p.m. Admission: \$2/Adults; \$1/Children 6-12. For more info, call (843) 722-9350, e-mail [alan@powdermag.org](mailto:alan@powdermag.org) and visit [www.powdermag.org](http://www.powdermag.org).

**Ongoing: The South Carolina Aquarium** Watch our otters get their breakfast, talk to scuba divers in the Great Ocean Tank to learn how we feed our sharks, and get up-close-and-personal to a snake, turtle, alligator and more. Educational programs offered daily. South Carolina Aquarium, 100 Aquarium Wharf. Open daily from 9a.m.-5p.m. Admission: \$17.95/Adults; \$16.95/Senior 62+; \$10.95/Children ages 2-11; Free/Children under 2. For more info, call (843) 720-1990 and visit [www.scaaquarium.org](http://www.scaaquarium.org).

# **CITY OF CHARLESTON TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**

**December 1, 2012 from 4:30-6:30pm**

**Admission: Free**

**Join Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. and Santa Claus in lighting the magnificent 60-foot Tree of Lights, the official City of Charleston holiday centerpiece in Marion Square.**

**For more information, call (843) 724-7305  
and visit [www.charlestonarts.org](http://www.charlestonarts.org).**

## **CHARLESTON CHRISTMAS PARADE**

**December 2, 2012 from 2-4pm**

**Admission: Free**

**This holiday tradition is better than ever as bands, floats, marchers and performers parade through downtown Charleston.**

**For more information, call (843) 720-1981.**



# HOLIDAY PARADE of BOATS

**DECEMBER 1, 2012 from 5:30-7:30pm**

Get on board with a Lowcountry holiday tradition as this display of lighted and festive boats proceeds through the Charleston Harbor. View the procession along Charleston's waterfront or decorate your own boat and join the parade!

Produced by the City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs and the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron.

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**CHARLESTON HARBOR  
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**20 PATRIOT'S POINT BLVD.,  
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Perfect afternoon of music & activities leading up to the Holiday Parade of Boats.  
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